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BIRTHS.

CUMMING—February 25, 1918, at Private Nursing Home, 10 Holles street, Dublin, to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR ROBERT CUMMING, 14 Iona Crescent, Glasnevin, a son (JOHN SHEPPARD).

FITZHERBERT—February 19, 1918, at Broomfield, Hoylake, the wife of Flight Lieutenant CECIL FITZHERBERT, R.N., of a daughter.

HOLMES—February 25, 1918, at Rose Villa, Archbold terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of Brigadier-General H. G. HOLMES, a son.

NEILLY—February 28, 1918, at 13 Windsor terrace, Portobello, the wife of J. MAXWELL NEILLY, of a daughter.

RUST—February 25, 1918, at Galway, to Mr. and Mrs. NOEL M. RUST, a son.

MARRIAGES.

EUSTACE AND GRIFFIN—At St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, London, by Rev. Father Coddon, FREDERICK ROBERT HARRINGTON EUSTACE, Lieutenant-Colonel Royal Engineers, to MARY, eldest daughter of DANIEL GRIFFIN, Esq., and Mrs. GRIFFIN, of Dingle, Co. Kerry.

GEORGE AND CONDON—February 15, 1918, at St. Paul's R.C. Church, Dover, Company Sergeant-Major H. J. GEORGE, M.M., Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, to KITTY, eldest daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. CONDON, of Shronell House, Tipperary.

MACKIE AND EAGER—February 27, 1918, at St. Matthias' Church, Dublin, by Rev. Wm. Baillie, Sergeant HENRY MACKIE, Royal Irish Rifles, eldest son of the late Henry Mackie, to JENNIE, second daughter of the late JAMES EAGER, Dublin.

DEATHS.

ARCHBOLD—February 26, 1918, at St. Patrick's Home, Kilmainham, Dublin, JANE, second daughter of the late RICHARD ARCHBOLD, Newlight, St. Margaret's, Co. Dublin, aged 72 years. R.I.P. Funeral from St. Patrick's Home to-morrow (Saturday) morning, leaving at 11 o'clock, for Glasnevin.

ARMSTRONG—February 27, 1918, at City of Dublin Hospital, THOMAS H. ARMSTRONG, youngest son of the late George Armstrong, Ballyhaise, Co. Cavan, aged 67 years. Funeral to-day (Friday) from City of Dublin Hospital to Dean's Grange at 9 a.m.

BATTLEY—February 27, 1918, at her residence, Belvedere Hall, Bray, County Wicklow, of pneumonia, ANNIE, the beloved wife of Colonel D'OYLY BATTLEY, D.L. Funeral will leave Belvedere Hall on Monday, March the 4th, at 12 o'clock, for Delgany.

BRENNAN—February 26, 1918, at her residence, Lowcay road, Southsea, MARY, widow of the late WILLIAM BRENNAN, M.A., Rector of Ballysodare, Co. Sligo, and daughter of the late Charles Crowe, Esq., Farmhill, Co. Fermanagh.

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LOWRY—February 27, 1918, at his residence, 27 Northbrook terrace, North Strand, THOMAS C. LOWRY, aged 40 years. Funeral to Dean's Grange to-morrow (Saturday), 2nd March, leaving at 10 o'clock.

OVEREND—February 27, 1918, at Stanley House, Greystones, MARY, eldest daughter of the late WILLIAM OVEREND, Barrister-at-Law. Deeply mourned. "She hath done what she could." St. Mark, xiv. 8. Funeral private.

SULLIVAN—February 27, 1918, suddenly, at Dufferin avenue, Bangor, Co. Down, Rev. G. B. SULLIVAN, M.A. Funeral will leave Bangor at 9 a.m. to-morrow (Saturday), 2nd March, for interment in ... Churchyard, arriving ...

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LOST, Tuesday, pearl pendant Brooch, star shaped; reward. Address 60 Pembroke road.

LOST, in Kingstown tram, or between Pillar and Glenham, Lady's Bag, containing money, pendant, and shareholder's ticket; reward.

LOST, near Dublin Cattle Market, February 21st, big Bull, one cut left thigh.—Apply Riley, Harts Farm, Leigh, Lancashire. A

LOST, Fox Terrier (male), smooth, black ear; reward.—17 Highfield road, Rathgar.

LOST, Wednesday night, Lady's Muff, between Grafton st. and Theatre Royal. Reward Abbotsford Hotel, Harcourt st.

LOST, Monday, Pink and Brown Striped Silk Scarf, near Alma road, Monkstown; reward. Apply P 1712, this office.

LOST, in City of Dublin on Thursday or Friday, February 21st or 22nd, a £5 note; reward given. Address "Z 4826," this office.

MISSING, Tuesday, Male Pekinese Dog, dark brown. Reward Mount Temple, Clontarf.

STRAYED from owner's lands at Louisa Bridge, Leixlip, about 15th February, 5 Cheviot Hoggets, branded with letter "H"; information with reward given by owner. Please see Sergeant, R.I.C., Leixlip.

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ACTIVE young Nurse Attendant required immediately, daily; some experience of nursing, charge of room; R.C. Reply, sending copies of references, full particulars, to "Z 4829, Nurse," this office.

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BOOKKEEPER Wanted, thorough knowledge of D.E., trial balances, etc.; one with trade experience essential; state age, salary, copies of testimonials.—P 1431, this office.

BOOT Trade—Wanted, capable young LADY, to Manage and Buy for Ladies' and Children's Boot Dept.; must be experienced and good stockkeeper. Apply, stating salary, age, experience, and copies references.—P 1506, this office.

BAKERY and Grocery—Wanted, an experienced young Man for Southern town; able to keep books and take charge. Address, stating salary (indoor), with copies of references, "Z 4741, Man," this office. F

BUYERESS required for Ladies' Underclothing and Children's Outfitting Dept.—Rowan, 64 George's st.

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LAUNDRY, country—Wanted, Packer and Sorter thoroughly experienced. ... "Z 4774, Packer," this office. A

LADY Nurse, Protestant, two children, £50; ... Under, £36; Matron, £40; Gardener, £20 ... 10 Duke st.

McKINLEY and Co., Diamond, Londonderry, require young Lady for Millinery and Sales, and also one for Fancy Dept. Sales. Apply, with references, salary, Dinner in.

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MAN Wanted to act as Timekeeper and Check Materials on Building Work; state age, names of last two employers, and wages expected.—P 1665, this office.

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MILLINERY—Wanted, competent Saleswoman for Millinery Department, also practical Milliner, charge workroom, city, Southern ... Address "Z 4791, Milliner," this office.

PORTER—Youth, under 20, required as Light Porter; trustworthy ... P 1800, this office. E

PORK Butcher—Wanted, competent Man to take charge of small Sausage and Offal Factory in provincial town; ... Address P 1619, this office. F

PROBATIONER Nurses Wanted for District Asylum, Melrose, Scotland, for 3 years' training; ... salary commences at £18 a year, with war bonus £3 a year additional ... Apply to Matron. A

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SMART Boy Wanted for MESSENGER. Apply rear (from stairway entrance) Lafayette, 32 Westmoreland st., Dublin.

SAWYER Wanted, for push and rack bench; state experience, etc.; wages 50/- weekly.—P 1703, this office. A

TAILORING Department—Wanted, an experienced SALESMAN, with good references. Apply, by letter, T. J. Callaghan and Co., Ltd., 13, 14, 15, 16 Dame st., Dublin.

WANTED, Salesman for General Drapery ... Apply to J. Sutton and Sons, Rathdrum.

WANTED, Sawyer for Rack and Push Benches for the conversion of native timber; man used to country life preferred. Apply, stating wages, etc., "Z 4650, Sawyer," this office.

WANTED, Estate Carpenter for nobleman's place in the Midlands; state wages expected, with free house and garden, also state age and number of family. Address "Z 4723, Carpenter," this office.

WANTED, respectable Clerk, with knowledge of printing and paper bag trade; capable of entering orders and placing work in hands. Reply, stating age, experience, salary expected, P 1557, this office. F

WANTED, respectable, tidy Boy, Protestant, Grocery and Messages; well recommended.—P 1615, this office.

WOULD two superior persons (ladies might suit) undertake the entire work of Cook General and House Parlourmaid in gentleman's country house (Southern county); three in household; uniform. Address "Z 4747, Cook," this office.

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WANTED by a leading Southern House, experienced Seedsman for Seeds, Manures, Implements Trade; one capable of taking charge; competent man only need apply; state experience, salary, reference, etc. Address "Z 4764, Assistant," this office.

WANTED for City Drapery Firm, Junior CLERK, accustomed to post and furnish accounts. Apply, stating age, experience, and salary required, P 1519, this office.

WANTED, a smart, well educated YOUTH, about 17 years of age, for City Office; must write a good hand.—P 1616, this office.

WANTED, reliable Mother's Help for farmhouse. Apply Mrs. Tarleton Colles, Ballavalley House, Killeigh, Tullamore, King's County.

WHEELWRIGHTS, Blacksmith, and Blacksmith's Helper Wanted for England; must be over military age; good wages. Apply Pickfords, 109 Stephen's Green, Dublin.

WANTED, a respectable, well educated Youth for City Office; must write a good hand; salary 5/- weekly to commence.—P 1697, this office.

WANTED, young Lady, take two children walk; hours 3 to 6.30, except Sunday; state terms; Donnybrook. Address "Z 4816, Lady," this office.

WARPER Wanted for Woollen Mill, North of Ireland; state wages expected; ... references, to "Z 4807, Warper," this office.

WANTED, to return for Christian home, Protestant, to assist invalid and lighten duties.—P 1713, this office.

WANTED, a Person (female) to read and write for old Lady, and sew a little for 1 or 2 hours daily. Address "Z 4709, Attendant," this office.

WANTED, by Auctioneers and House Agents' office in city, an Assistant for outdoor work. Candidates state age, experience, education, age, and salary expected, to P 1714, this office.

WANTED, thoroughly trustworthy Lady Help (I.C.) to help with children during day, and sleep with elderly lady at night; musical preferable; Rathgar district.—B 0 820, Irish Times Office, Rathmines.

YOUNG Lady for Office and Cash Desk; must be good shorthand typist; state age, names, and addresses of last two employers and salary expected.—P 1667, this office.

MEDICAL.

RATHDRUM UNION. TEMPORARY DISPENSARY MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Board of Guardians invite applications from duly qualified Medical Practitioners for the temporary Medical Officership of the Aughrim Dispensary District of the Union. The appointment will be for the period during which the permanent Medical Officer of the District is absent on active service with H.M. Forces. The rate of remuneration will be £4 4s. per week. The successful candidate will be required to reside in the Dispensary District. Applications should be lodged with me by 12.15 p.m. on Monday, March 11th, 1918, and will be considered by the Guardians at their meeting on that date. (By Order) F. W. SHEEHAN, Clerk of the Union. February 27th, 1918.

APPRENTICE required immediately, City Medical Hall; outdoor; excellent opportunity.—P 1955, this office.

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DENTAL Mechanic Wanted, permanent appointment; must be a first class vulcanite worker; ineligible for Army; send copies of testimonials; state age and when at liberty; salary £4.—13 Seymour st., Liverpool.

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MEDICAL Hall Wanted as Going Concern or Partnership; Midlands preferable; require confidential.—P 1461, this office.

WANTED, Boy about 15, to learn Mechanical Dentistry.—P 1582, this office.

WANTED Qualified Lady Assistant for City Chemist's Business. Apply "Z 4772, Assistant," this office.

WANTED Dental Mechanic (good vulcanite worker) in seaside town in England; good wages paid to suitable man. Address "Z 4823, Mechanic," this office.

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

CITY Newspaper Canvasser required for Provincial Newspaper. Address "Z 4784, Canvasser," this office.

LEGAL.

CLERK (Junior) required by Dublin Solicitor; state salary, send testimonials.—P 1576, this office.

DUBLIN Solicitor requires competent Shorthand Writer Typist, male or female. Reply, stating experience, references, salary expected, P 1696, this office.

WANTED immediately, country Solicitors' Office, Managing Clerk; R.C., T.T.; conveyancing, costs, Probate, etc. Address "Z 4753, Legal," this office.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

AN experienced and capable Lady, I.C., wants a post as Lady Housekeeper to elderly couple, or gentleman in good homely country house, where assistant kept; understands dairy and fowls; excellent references.—P 1419, this office.

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COMPANION, with knowledge of nursing and housekeeping, capable and energetic; Protestant; salary £50.—P 1579, this office.

CONFECTIONERY—Respectable Girl, age 17, desires post, experienced in Shop and Tea Rooms; highest references; state salary. Address "Z 4771, Girl," this office.

EXPERIENCED Bookkeeper and Typist wishes Secretarial or Clerical Work few hours each evening.—P 1425, this office.

EDUCATED young Man, at present employed in city office, wishes 2 or 3 hours of Evening Clerical Employment; A 1 references.—P 1467, this office.

GROCERY and Provisions—Eight years' experience in first class house, present employed, desires change; highest references; T.T. Address "Z 4737, Man," this office.

GROCERY and Provisions, Hardware—Young Man, with 10 years' experience, at present engaged, seeks situation; highly recommended; T.T., Protestant. Address "Z 4736, Man," this office.

HARDWARE, Ironmongery, Seeds—Protestant young Man seeks position as above; 4½ years' experience; strict T.T.; excellent reference; presently engaged. Address "Z 4814, Man," this office.

HOTEL—Lady wishes get experience as Tabular Bookkeeper; give four months free; experienced at commercial work.—P 1740, this office.

LADY wishes recommend most highly Invalid's or Nurse Attendant, extremely capable and kind in her own sphere, or as Companion of Trusted Friend; gentlewoman; useful.—28 Leeson Park.

LADY Housekeeper, energetic and capable, to lady or gentleman; Protestant; salary moderate.—P 1580, this office.

LADY recommends superior Person, Catholic, Attendant or Help; generally useful.—X 29, Irish Times Office, Kingstown.

MANAGER of large Hardware, Machinery, Seed, and Timber Business is desirous of change; valid reason for same can be given; first class experience; exceptional testimonials from business men, commercials, employers, etc. Address "Z 4538, Manager," this office.

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PRACTICAL Instructor, Surgical Bootmaking, Repairing, seeks position, Dublin vicinity; highest references.—P 1538, this office.

SALESMAN, Shopkeeper, Storekeeper, or any situation of trust Wanted by middleaged active Man, at present employed; security if required.—P 1305, this office.

YOUNG Woman seeks Position of Trust in hotel or restaurant, office, etc.; capable of taking charge; at present engaged. Address "Z 4627, Employment," this office.

YOUNG Man, energetic, seeks Position of Trust; accustomed to control of men and general office work; good references.—P 1317, this office.

YOUNG Lady seeks situation, Useful Help; no maid kept; light help; country preferred; not essential.—P 1299, this office.

YOUNG Lady seeks post as Lady Help, Chauffeuse; would drive car, do running repairs, and when not engaged with car would help with light household duties; good references. Address "Z 4637, Chauffeuse," this office.

YOUNG Man, presently engaged, desires change; Bookkeeper, Cashier; highest references; total abstainer.—P 1478, this office.

YOUNG Lady seeks post as Companion Help; small salary for comfortable home. Address "Z 4670, Companion," this office.

YOUNG Man, having business training, seeks post on Farm, to obtain Agricultural experience; good accountant; salary no object. Address "Z 4725, Post," this office.

YOUNG Girl, Protestant, wishes position, Assistant Clothier, in or near Belfast preferred. Address "Z 4733, Girl," this office.

YOUNG Man, ten years' experience, seeks position of trust; highest reference; security if necessary.—P 1643, this office.

YOUNG Man, R.C., seeks Position of Trust; fair Education; not afraid of work; strict T.T. Address "Z 4800, Man," this office.

YOUNG Lady wants situation as Working Housekeeper to single Protestant gentleman; not cut before, home more object than salary. Address "Z 4834, Housekeeper," this office.

MALES WANTED.

CARETAKER Wanted for small Farm, Co. Carlow; R.I.C. pensioner (I.C.) who would look over cattle and sheep; good house and garden free; small wages. Address "Z 4825, Caretaker," this office.

HEAD Waiter required immediately for first class Hotel. Apply, with copies of references, to "Z 4670, Waiter," this office.

HERD Wanted, Co. Dublin; house, with 3 tons coal, given. Apply, sending copies discharges and stating wages, to P 1680, this office.

MAN, for general farm work, care pigs and poultry; good wages, with cottage, milk, etc.; also a good General Man, care horses, trap, garden, and help on farm.

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WANTED, Groom Yardman; good rider; help in farm work; small family; 20/-, house, fuel, potatoes; send copies discharges.—Derry Hall, Co. Longford.

WANTED, good Herd, with family to assist in milking and feeding cows. Apply Colonel Head, Derrylahan, Birr.

WANTED, General Farm Hand, single; milk when required; £26 yearly. Copy discharges, Wolfer, The Bungalow, Portarlington.

WANTED, Protestant Naval Pensioner, live in lodge; useful in scullery and odd jobs, gentleman's place; small family. State age, number family, post copy papers, to B. Heard, Carrigtwohill.

WANTED, a General Man, married, to work with gentleman; send particulars and copies. Address "Z 4758, Man," this office.

WANTED, for gentleman's place (County Cork) Protestant Labourer, with some good wages for suitable family. Address "Z 4809, Labourer," this office.

WANTED, for country, married Man, understanding all farm work. Apply Manners, Edenderry.

WANTED, Man, for Dairy Work; must be good milker and early riser. Apply P 1704, this office.

WANTED, respectable Boy, about 17, for country Rectory, near Dublin; able to milk and do general work, help in house and garden; must be useful; ... Address "Z 4828, Boy," this office.

WANTED, Land Steward and ... Man, ...

WANTED, ... Man, ...

WANTED, a Herd, state age, religion, number and age of family. Address "Z 4837, Herd," this office.

YARD and General Man Wanted for farm; must be good milker and early riser; wages 21 per week, with house, potatoes, firing, and harvest money; ... good wages for second man. Apply, stating age and enclose copies of references, to E. E. Jolley, Ballybane, Redcross, Rathdrum.

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

GARDENER Wanted, near Dublin, country district, Protestant, preferably ... one who must understand outdoor fruits and flowers; single man; good help given.—P 1601, this office.

GARDENER Wanted one day each week, small garden and greenhouse, Rathmines.—P 1680, this office.

STEWARD, working, Wanted for South of Ireland; Protestant, married, age about 35; must understand tillage and management of farm machinery. Apply, with copies of discharges, stating wages, to "Steward," c/o Eason and Son, Dawson st., Dublin.

WANTED Working Steward, I.C., strictly sober and reliable, good manager of men; wife to manage dairy and poultry; no encumbrance. Address "Z 4281, Steward," this office.

WANTED, Garden Hand, for North, Protestant; £1, milk, coal, garden, house; travelling expenses paid; send particulars and copies. Address "Z 4603," this office.

WANTED, respectable young Man, with good knowledge of plain gardening; care pony and trap, milk one cow, and be generally useful; indoor; must be well recommended; state terms.—S. Leslie, Forpley, Lisnaskea.

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A RESPECTABLE smart looking young Man (R.C.) desires position, Butler, Valet, or Waiter; experience as waiter; highly recommended. Address "Z 4757, Butler," this office.

BUTLER disengaged, R.C.; best reference.—P 1585, this office.

BUTLER Valet disengaged, Protestant, 34, ineligible; good references. Address "Z 4819, Butler," this office.

BUTLER and Butler Valet disengaged, Protestant and R.C.; excellent refs.—Blackwood's, Lr. Mount st.

COACHMAN, General Man, drive single, double, plain gardening, clean motor. Apply Anderson, Brookvale, Clogher, Tyrone.

COACHMAN Gardener, Protestant, seeks position country, with working son; good references.—P 1258, this office.

COACHMAN or Groom seeks situation; drive motor; R.C.; married, small family; first class discharges; state terms. Address "Z 4704, Coachman," this office.

COACHMAN General; do plain gardening, milk; understands sheep and cattle; R.C.; highly recommended.—P 1589, this office.

GAMEKEEPER Forester requires situation, Head or Singlehanded; good rabbit trapper, understands care of plantations, up in all duties; disengaged; highest references. Apply Adams, Meagher, Castlederg, Co. Tyrone.

GAMEKEEPER (Scotch) requires situation as Caretaker, Woodranger, keep down rabbits, any position of trust; wife good plain cook, and accustomed to care gentleman's mansion. Address "Z 4690, Keeper," this office.

GAMEKEEPER, Forester Head or Singlehanded; life experience; highest references; married, Protestant; discharged Army.—Box No. 450, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast.

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A RESPECTABLE, single young Man seeks a situation; good plain gardener; good knowledge of motor; good horseman; can milk if required; well recommended. 1583, Irish Times Office, Kingstown.

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GARDENER, working, good vegetable, fruit grower; can milk; Protestant; married.—Gardener, Fairyland, Kingstown.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

RETREAT FOR LADIES AT THE CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART, ROSCREA. 1918.

A Retreat for Ladies will be given by the REVEREND E. DOWNING, S.J., from Monday evening, July 8th, to Saturday morning, July 13th. For particulars apply to the Reverend Mother.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN IRELAND. ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEXT-OF-KIN.

Pursuant to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, in the Matter of the Estate of EMMA CATHERINE DILLON, otherwise known as Kathleen Dillon, deceased, in which Everard Emma Kathleen Dillon, deceased, and His Majesty's Attorney-General Hamilton is Plaintiff, and His Majesty's Attorney-General for Ireland is Defendant, the persons claiming to be next-of-kin of the above-named deceased, late of the New County Club, 21 Hanover Square, London, W. (who was the daughter of Thomas Edmund Murphy and Maria Agnes Murphy, otherwise Flattery, his wife, both deceased, and the widow of Captain Timothy John Dillon, late of the 16th Regiment of Foot, deceased), who died in or about the month of September, 1917, are, by their Solicitors, on or before the 10th day of April, 1918, to come in and prove their claims at the Chambers of the Right Honourable the Master of the Rolls, at the Four Courts, Dublin, or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order. The 18th day of April, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the claims. Dated this 15th day of February, 1918.
EDWARD SALMON, Chief Clerk.
HAMILTON and CRAIG, Solicitors for the Plaintiff, 30 South Frederick street, Dublin.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.

In the Goods of ANNE MARGARETTA ARMSTRONG, formerly of 15 Upper Leeson street, Dublin, but late of Kingstown, in the County of Dublin, Spinster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., Cap. 54, that the said Anne Margaretta Armstrong, who died on the 2nd day of November, 1917, by her Will, dated the 18th day of February, 1908, after bequeathing two annuities, and charging same on her property, bequeathed the residue thereof (including the property charged with said annuities), to the Rotunda Hospital for the Relief of Poor Lying-in Women, Rutland square, Dublin.

Probate of said Will was granted on the 13th day of February, 1918, forth of the Principal Registry of the King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, to Joseph Mark Leland Tew, of 38 Marlborough road, Donnybrook, Co. Dublin, the sole Executor therein named.

Dated the 28th day of February, 1918.
EDWARD McHUGH, Solicitor for the said Executor, 43 Rutland square, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests and to all whom it may concern.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of ANNE MARGARETTA ARMSTRONG, formerly of 15 Upper Leeson street, Dublin, but late of Kingstown, in the County of Dublin, Spinster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors, or otherwise to have any claims or demands against the assets of said Anne Margaretta Armstrong, who died on the 2nd day of November, 1917, are hereby required, on or before the 15th day of April, 1918, to furnish particulars (in writing) of such claims to the undersigned Solicitor for Joseph M. L. Tew, the Executor of said deceased, and to whom Probate of her will was granted forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, King's Bench Division (Probate), on the 13th day of February, 1918. And Notice is hereby further given that, after the said 15th day of April, 1918, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given.

Dated the 28th day of February, 1918.
EDWARD McHUGH, Solicitor for said Executor, 43 Rutland square, Dublin.

SIRS,—Take Notice, that I, Samuel Woodcock, of 45 and 46 Thomas street, in the City of Dublin, do intend to apply at the next General Licensing Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in and for the County of the City of Dublin, for a Seven-Day Licence to sell Beer, Cider, and Spirituous Liquors by Retail, at and in the house, Third Lock, Tyrconnell road, Inchicore, in the Parishes of St. Jude and Drimnagh, and County of the City of Dublin.

Dated this 25th day of February, 1918.
SAMUEL WOODCOCK.
To the Divisional Magistrates of the City of Dublin;
To the Superintendent of the "A" Division of Police;
The Clerk of the Peace.
RICHARD T. HOLMES, Solicitor for Applicant, Exchequer Chambers, 23 Exchequer street, Dublin.

SERMONS.

A.M.D.G.
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S CHURCH, UPPER GARDINER STREET, DUBLIN.

LENTEN LECTURES.

On the Sunday Afternoons in Lent, at 4 o'clock the Very Rev. T. V. Nolan, S.J., Provincial, will give a Course of Lectures, entitled:—
"THE TWO STANDARDS."
The Subject will be divided as follows:—
3. SUNDAY, MARCH 3rd:—Satan's Campaign.
4. SUNDAY, MARCH 10th:—Christ's Campaign.
5. SUNDAY, MARCH 17th:—Satan's Allies.
6. SUNDAY, MARCH 24th:—Christ's Allies.

CONTRACTS.

DISTRICT ASYLUM, BALLINASLOE.
CONTRACT FOR SUPPLIES.

The Joint Committee of Management of above Asylum will, at their Meeting, to be held on MONDAY, 11th day of MARCH, 1918, open and consider TENDERS for supplying the Institution for one year, to 31st March, 1919, with:—
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Tender Forms to be had on application at the Asylum Office.
If Contractors are unwilling or unable to contract for twelve months specified they are requested to quote for some lesser period as well as twelve months, and the Committee reserve the right to take all circumstances into account as regards period of Contract accepted.
Tenders marked "Tender for——" (Article tendered for) sealed, addressed to the Resident Medical Superintendent, to be left at the Asylum Office on or before 4 o'clock p.m. sharp on Friday, 8th March, 1918.
(By Order of the Committee),
BERNARD KELLY, Clerk of Asylum.
February 11th, 1918.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD.
FOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR IRELAND.
LIST OF MAXIMUM PRICES ON RETAIL SALES.

THE FOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE FOR IRELAND have issued a list of all the Chief Articles of Food in respect of which the maximum prices on sales by retail have been fixed, setting forth the maximum price of each such article. The list has been so framed as to be easily and readily consulted, and should be in the hands of every housekeeper and retailer. The prices are liable to be revised from time to time, but all changes will be duly advertised.
The list is SOLD to the PUBLIC at the price of ONE PENNY, or THREE HALFPENCE, post free.
To be obtained from:—EDWARD PONSONBY, Ltd., 116 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD FOR IRELAND.

ORDER DEFINING THE BENEFITS OR ADVANTAGES NOT BEING BENEFITS OR ADVANTAGES PROHIBITED BY LAW WHICH MAY BE RECKONED AS PAYMENT OF WAGES IN LIEU OF PAYMENT IN CASH FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MINIMUM RATES OF WAGES FIXED BY THE AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD UNDER THE CORN PRODUCTION ACT, 1917, AND THE VALUES AT WHICH THEY ARE TO BE SO RECKONED.

WHEREAS by Order under Seal dated the 5th day of December, 1917, the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland did order the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland to define the benefits or advantages, not being benefits or advantages prohibited by law, which may be reckoned as payment of wages in lieu of payment in cash for the purpose of the minimum rates of wages fixed by the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland under the Corn Production Act, 1917, and the values at which they are to be so reckoned.

AND WHEREAS the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland did confer upon the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland the power to limit or prohibit by Order the reckoning of benefits or advantages as payment of wages in lieu of payment in cash for the purpose of any minimum rate of wages fixed under the Corn Production Act, 1917;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland did by Order bearing date the 10th day of November, 1917, fix certain rates of minimum wages for male workers over 21 years of age and for female workers over 18 years of age;

AND WHEREAS by Order dated the 14th day of January, 1918, the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland did fix certain rates of minimum wages for male workers under 21 years of age;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE AGRICULTURAL WAGES BOARD FOR IRELAND, acting in pursuance of the powers conferred on us by the Corn Production Act, 1917, and by the Order above referred to, made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland on the 5th day of December, 1917, DO HEREBY DECIDE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:—

That for the purposes of the rates of wages set out in the Board's Orders above referred to of the 10th November, 1917, and the 14th January, 1918, the following, and the following only, shall be benefits or advantages, and their maximum weekly values, which, if supplied or provided by the employer to workers employed, may be reckoned as payment of wages in lieu of payment in cash for the purposes of the minimum rates of wages set out in the afore-mentioned Orders:—

WEEKLY VALUES.

House or house and small garden.—The amount that may be deducted weekly from wages on account of the house, or a house and small garden not exceeding one statute rood in area, of which the rates and taxes are paid by the employer, and where the house is kept in repair by the employer, shall vary by agreement from 1/- to 1/6 in ... of the weekly wages payable to the workman. Provided, however, that where such deduction is considered inadequate by the employer, he may appeal to the Board, who may authorise a deduction at a higher rate. The value of the allowance may be increased if the land attached to the house is in excess of one rood at the rate of 10/- per annum per statute rood. No deduction from wages shall be made on account of the occupation of any house which has been condemned by the Sanitary Authority as unfit for human habitation.

	Group I. s.	d.	Group II. s.	d.	Group III. s.	d.
Land, per statute acre	0	7	0	5½	0	4½
(a) Land, cultivated and tilled, per statute acre	5	0	4	0	3	0
(b) Land, cultivated, tilled and manured, per statute acre	6	0	5	0	4	0
(c) Land, cultivated, tilled, manured, and seeded, per statute acre	8	0	7	0	6	0
Drills of Potatoes to be measured and paid for at same rates as in (a), (b), or (c) above, according as the conditions of (a), (b), or (c) apply.						
Potatoes (weekly rate of deduction per ton per annum)	1	6½	1	6½	1	6½
Fresh milk, per gallon	1	4	1	2	1	0
Grass of cow, grass only	2	8½	2	3½	1	11
Grass of calf till one year old	0	7	0	7	0	7
Keep of cow with grass and hay	4	7½	4	2½	3	10
Use of cow (a freshly calved cow for one year)	5	9	5	4½	5	0
Grass of donkey	0	6	0	6	0	6
Grass of goat	0	3	0	3	0	3
Grass of sheep	0	6	0	6	0	6
Coal at cost price, including actual cost of delivery	0	6	0	6	0	6
Turf bank	0	6	0	6	0	6
Turf, cut, saved, and carted, sufficient for workman for one year	1	9	1	9	1	9
Timber firing	1	0	1	0	1	0
Board and lodging (seven days)	13	0	11	8	10	4
Board (seven days)	11	1	9	11	8	9
Board, per day	1	7	1	5	1	3
Breakfast (seven days)	2	4	2	0½	1	9
Dinner (seven days)	6	5	5	10	5	3
Supper (seven days)	2	4	2	0½	1	9
Board and lodging: Males, 18 to 21 (seven days)	12	0	11	0	10	0
Board and lodging: Males, 16 to 18 (seven days)	9	0	8	0	7	0
Board and lodging: Females (seven days)	8	6	7	6	6	6

Nothing shall prevent an employer and his employee from agreeing to a valuation of benefits or advantages at a rate less than that set out herein, but no benefits or advantages shall be valued at a higher rate unless it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board that special circumstances exist, when the Board shall decide whether a higher valuation is equitable, and, if they think fit, give their consent thereto in writing.

This Order shall be read in conjunction with the Board's Orders of the 10th November, 1917, and the 14th January, 1918, and its provisions shall take effect as from the 10th November, 1917, except in cases where, as a consequence of the Board's Order of that date fixing minimum rates of wages for certain classes of employees, special agreements were entered into between employers and their workmen in regard to the value of benefits or advantages given, and in such cases this Order shall take effect only as from the 27th day of February, 1918.

The provisions of this Order shall remain in force till the 9th day of November, 1918, or until cancelled or varied either wholly or in part by the Board.

CHARLES H. O'CONOR, Chairman.
WALTER NUGENT.
E. M. CUNNINGHAM.
KILLANIN.
P. BRADLEY.
R. RALEIGH.
JAMES MURPHY.
JAMES CRANGLE.
T. B. PONSONBY.
JAMES CLARKE.
M. C. RUSSELL.
THOMAS FORAN.
J. C. NOLAN FERRALL, Secretary.
14 St. Stephen's Green, 27th February, 1918.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

At the One Hundred and Thirty-eighth General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Company, held at the Company's Offices, Westland row Station, Dublin, on Thursday, 28th February, 1918.

Mr. Frank Brooke, D.L., in the chair.

The Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917, having been taken as read, it was

RESOLVED—That the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1917, now presented, be received and adopted.

RESOLVED—That a Dividend at the rate of four per cent. per annum be declared on the Consolidated Preference Stock of the Company for the half-year ending 31st December, 1917, payable (less Income Tax) on and after the fifth day of March proximo, making, with the Dividend paid for the half-year ending 30th June last, a Dividend of four per cent. for the year.

RESOLVED—That the number of the Directors of the Company, which is at present eight, be and is hereby reduced to six, in accordance with the provisions of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Act, 1870, and that this reduction be made by leaving unfilled the two vacancies which have occurred in the Board by the deaths of Mr. Laurence Malone and Mr. James Pim.

RESOLVED—That Mr. Frank Brooke, D.L., be, and is hereby, re-elected a Director of the Company.

Proposed by Dr. R. D. Purefoy, seconded by W. Ireland, Esq., and

RESOLVED—That Mr. Marcus Goodbody be, and is hereby, re-elected an Auditor of the Company.

On the motion of William Ireland, Esq., seconded by Richard J. Kelly, Esq., K.C., a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Directors, and Officers of the Company was passed unanimously.

FRANK BROOKE, Chairman.
R. D. GRIFFITH, Secretary.
Westland row Station, Dublin, 28th February, 1918.

RATHMINES TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE.

STATIONERY CONTRACT.

The Rathmines Technical Instruction Committee are prepared to receive Tenders for the supply of stationery and for the execution of the necessary Printing for the period of three years ending 31st March, 1921.

Forms upon which tenders must be sent in can be obtained on application.

Tenders must be sent in addressed to the Chairman, Technical Instruction Committee, on or before 11 a.m. on Monday, 11th March.

The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

ARTHUR WILLIAMSON, Principal.
Municipal Technical Institute, Rathmines, Co. Dublin, 1st March, 1918.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, GALWAY.

An ASSISTANT in PHYSIOLOGY will be required for the Session 1918-19. Particulars regarding this Assistantship can be obtained from J. HYNES, Secretary.

FOR COMPANY NOTICES SEE FINANCIAL PAGE.

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HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN BAR.

To-day....Morning	1. 8	Evening	1.24
To-morrow	1.40		1.58

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

To-day....Rises	7.15	Sets	6. 1
To-morrow	7.12		6. 3

LIGHTING-UP TIME ...... 7.1 P.M.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Theatre Royal—"Aladdin," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—"Damaged Goods," 8 p.m.
Queen's—"His Life For Ireland," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Empire Theatre—6.50 and 9 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—7 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"Spring" and "The Lord Mayor," 8.15 p.m.
Carlton Cinema—Continuous.
Kingstown Pavilion—Pictures, 3.30 to 10.30 p.m.
Recorder's Sessions—Green Street Courthouse, 11.0.
Brooks, Thomas, and Co.—Meeting, 40 Dame Street, 12 o'clock.
Todd, Burns, and Co.—Meeting, 12 o'clock.
Royal Dublin Society's Afternoon Lecture, 4 o'clock.
Stevens' Hospital Linen Guild, 4.30 p.m.

The Irish Times.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1918.

The Western Front.

The correspondent of a Paris newspaper on the British front in France reported yesterday that "there are ever-increasing indications that the assault is imminent." The French semi-official commentator, however, recommends that the assurances of the German Press regarding the coming offensive "should only be accepted with reserve." At the opening of no campaigning season since the war began have the position and prospects on the western front been surrounded with so much uncertainty as they are to-day. A few weeks ago it was generally taken for granted that a great German attack might be expected at any moment. Since then the weather has been unusually open for the time of year, but still the much advertised offensive has not developed. Instead we have seen the Germans embarking upon a new campaign in Russia. We discussed yesterday the prospects of this advance in Russia in so far as it concerns the situation in the east. It is clear that it must also have a reflex effect of more or less importance upon the situation in the west. The advance into Russia may possess much of the character of a mere military promenade; but on a front of such enormous extent even such a promenade involves the employment of men in very large numbers. Even in the absence of effective opposition, the active manoeuvring of considerable bodies of men in Russia at this season of the year means a fairly high rate of wastage. All the occupied territory, of vast area, has to be effectively garrisoned. The forces employed have to be supplied and provisioned. Technical services must support the advance. All this implies heavy demands on transport. At the lowest reckoning, the operations on which Germany is now engaged in Russia constitute in sum a military effort of no mean order.

Every mile of Germany's march—even an unopposed march—towards Petrograd and [illegible] weakens by so much her formidable offensive on the [illegible]. In this situation it is at least a permissible speculation that all the loud talk of such an offensive is no more than bluff, and that the German command has, in fact, decided to renounce the offensive and play a waiting game in the west while it consolidates its gains in the east. That, in any case, is a possibility worth consideration: whether it represents the true state of affairs only events can show. On the whole, it will probably be safer for us to assume that, while Germany is effecting an insurance of her position in the east with the *minimum* expenditure of effort required—though that *minimum* must in any event be a large one—she contemplates also some kind of decisive action in the west. With what force, then, as compared with the force opposed to her, is she able to undertake such action? A legend, carefully fostered by herself, no doubt, has grown up that she has at her command almost overwhelming force. There is little doubt that this is no more than a legend. Its assumption is that all the strength released by the collapse of Russia has been concentrated, and is now available, in the west. Let us consider the facts. For practical military purposes Russia has been out of the war for the past year. By the summer of last year the enemy had begun the transfer of troops from east to west. A large part of these transfers went to fill the wastage of the very heavy fighting in France which continued until the late autumn. Another large part was employed and spent in the effort against Italy—an effort whose partial success was scarcely justified by its great cost. Another large part again has now been committed to new adventures in the east.

It follows that the forces which confront the Allies in the west are by no means forces increased by the release of the whole strength set free by the collapse of Russia. They are increased only by that strength as it remains after being reduced by the wastage of last year's campaign in France, further reduced by the drain of the campaign in Italy, still further reduced by the new campaign in the east. The balance available after all these deductions is doubtless not negligible, but it is certainly not of those overwhelming dimensions which it has attained in purely legendary estimates. It is doubtful if in sheer numbers the available remainder of German recruitment from the east counterbalances new recruitment on the Allies' side. That new recruitment is of two kinds. In the first place, there is the unloading of British reserves of man-power which has enabled Sir Douglas Haig to relieve the French and extend his line from St. Quentin south to the Oise. In the next place, there are the American divisions, already in considerable strength and steadily increasing, which have come into line on the Lorraine front. If the Germans can muster a bare equality with the Allies in quantity, they will have done all they can do. In quality their disheartened reservists do not promise to match the fresh recruits of Great Britain and the United States. If they attack, they will rely not on superiority in numbers or quality, but on new tactics. Correspondents at the front have reported extensive training of picked forces of the enemy as "storm troops." These are to effect the penetration of our front to limited objectives; then behind and through them supporting troops are to come up and carry on, while numbers of tanks or armoured cars, mobile guns, and trench mortars will push up behind, and with, the supporting troops. Much of whatever value these new tactics may possess is lost by the fact that they are known in advance. Taking all these circumstances into account, we have no valid reason to regard the threatened German offensive with excessive alarm when, and if, it comes.

Palestine and Jewish Nationalism.

When time sets the events of the present war in their true proportions to one another some of them which seem comparatively unimportant to-day will take their places in the forefront of history. One such event is the recognition of the national claims of Zionism by the Allied Powers. The Zionist movement has been in existence for more than fifty years, but it was not till the end of last year that Jewry throughout the world was brought within reach of realisation of the hope that has sustained it through twenty centuries of wandering and oppression. In November, 1917, the British Government, with the approval of all the Allies, identified itself with the plan to make Palestine once more the centre of Jewish nationality. In other words, the realisation of the objects of Zionism is now one of the avowed war aims of the Allied Powers. Zionism has thus become a movement of the first international importance, and the British peoples cannot afford to be ignorant of its meaning and purpose—what Palestine means to the Jew, what political conditions are necessary for a Jewish Palestine, what the functions and influence of a Jewish Palestine are likely to be. An article in the March number of the *Round Table* attempts to answer these questions. It points out, in the first place, that the Jews' yearning for Palestine is neither wholly material nor wholly spiritual, but is a mixture of both. So long as the roots of their world-wide community are not fixed in the Holy Land they have a sense of national incompleteness. An ancient Greek could make for himself a new and complete home in Italy or Egypt, but the Jew cannot sing the songs of Zion in a strange land. The restoration of Palestine to the Jews will introduce a new harmony into the modern world. It will be impossible for many years—perhaps, for ever—to hand Palestine bodily over to the Jews; they will always be a minority of the population, which is mainly Arab. It will soon be possible, however, to establish in Palestine a great centre of Jewish civilisation, and the fostering of that civilisation must be the first care of the Power which will control Palestine after the war. The writer in the *Round Table* is satisfied that, in the interest of the Jews, Palestine must not be controlled by a *condominium* or by an international board, but by a single Power—acting, it may be, as the instrument of a League of Nations. He believes that a Jewish civilisation in Palestine will work wonders for that country's national life. The Jew has an ancient kinship with the Arab, who, under good government, will soon recover from the blight of Turkish rule. Palestine is a country of vast agricultural possibilities, and a Hebrew University at Jerusalem may make it a great centre of learning. Under Jewish influence it may become a wide door between East and West. The influence of the new Palestine on the Jewish race throughout the world will be enormous. From that spiritual centre will flow a proud inspiration which will increase the value of the many millions of Jews in both hemispheres to the States whose citizenship they have adopted. We commend the *Round Table's* article to any who doubt that the cause of the Allies in this war is the cause of human progress.

The Irish Automobile Club.

Thousands of Irishmen who never owned a motor car or consumed a drop of petrol will be glad to learn that the Irish Automobile Club continues to flourish in the midst of adversity. Established to promote the interests of a limited class, the Club has taken so large and patriotic a view of its responsibilities that it has won the importance of a truly national institution. Its *esprit de corps* is such that, after a year in which its official functions were virtually in abeyance—a year in which the motor car as an instrument of pleasure did not exist—its members retain all their loyalty and interest. The report for 1917 shows that the Club has been vigilant to protect the pockets and rights of Irish motorists. For that purpose it has entered into a useful alliance with the Irish Motor Trade Association and with the Automobile Association. In 1917, however, as in the two previous years, the Club's chief concern has been the winning of the war. It has made two valuable contributions to that end—by relieving the sufferings of our wounded soldiers, and by serving the welfare and happiness of thousands of other wearers of the King's uniform. The members of the Club have felt that their possession of motor cars imposes certain public duties on them, and they have fulfilled these duties with the utmost enthusiasm and zeal. Last year they met seventeen hospital ships at the Port of Dublin and conveyed 3,515 wounded soldiers to the hospitals. Since the beginning of the war they have met forty ships and carried 11,346 wounded men. Furthermore, in fair weather and foul, the Club's buffets have been little oases of comfort for soldiers in Dublin; and it has given many hours of happiness to wounded men who were enduring the long tedium of convalescence. The Club has much reason to be proud of its record in 1917. When peace comes again, and petrol once more is plentiful, its members will be able to resume the pleasures of the road with a happy consciousness of good work well done.

THE IRISH CONVENTION.

HOUSING IN URBAN AREAS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Grand Committee of the Irish Convention met on Thursday, 28th February, in the Regent House, Trinity College, at 10.30 a.m.

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Irish Convention was subsequently held, the Chairman, Sir Horace Plunkett, taking the chair at 11 o'clock. The following members were present:—

Sir R. N. Anderson, E. H. Andrews, Archbishop of Armagh, H. B. Armstrong, H. T. Barrie, M. K. Barry, Lord Mayor of Belfast, J. Bolger, W. Broderick, J. Butler, Archbishop of Cashel, Sir George Clark, Colonel J. J. Clark, J. J. Coen, D. Condren, Lord Mayor of Cork, Colonel Sharman-Crawford, Councillor Dempsey, Earl of Desart, J. Devlin, J. Dooly, Bishop of Down and Connor, Archbishop of Dublin, Lord Mayor of Dublin, T. Duggan, Earl of Dunraven, T. Falion, J. Fitzgibbon, J. Flanagan, H. Garahan, Sir William Goulding, M. Governey, Earl of Granard, William Gubbins, Captain Gwynn, T. Halligan, J. Hanna, T. J. Harbison, A. Jameson, W. Kavanagh, J. K. Kett, M. E. Knight, Marquis of Londonderry, T. Lundon, J. S. F. McCance, Alderman McCarron, Sir C. McCullagh, M. McDonagh, J. McDonnell, Lord MacDonnell, H. Grattan MacGeagh, J. McHugh, C. McKay, J. McMeekan, A. R. MacMullen, Viscount Midleton, M. J. Minch, Moderator, General Assembly; J. Murphy, W. M. Murphy, J. O'Dowd, C. P. O'Neill, P. J. O'Neill, Lord Oranmore and Browne, Dr. O'Sullivan, P. O'H. Peters, H. M. Pollock, J. B. Powell, T. Power, Provost of Trinity College, Sir Stephen Quin, Bishop of Raphoe, D. Reilly, M. Slattery, G. F. Stewart, Sir W. Whitla, H. T. Whitley, Sir B. Windle.

On receiving a report from the Grand Committee, the Convention appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the question of housing in urban areas.

The discussion on the Chairman's report upon the results of the delegation to the Cabinet was continued.

The Convention adjourned until Tuesday, 5th March, at 11 a.m., to permit the Sub-Committee on Housing to hold its first meeting.

COURT CIRCULAR.

VICEREGAL LODGE, DUBLIN.

THURSDAY.

The Right Hon. the Lord Chancellor and Lady O'Brien, the Right Hon. Mr. Justice and Miss Gordon, the Right Hon. Sir William J. Goulding, Bart.; Sir Algernon Coote, Bart.; the Very Rev. the Dean of the Chapel Royal and Mrs. Mease had the honour of being invited to dine with Their Excellencies this evening.

MILITARY MEDAL.

Lance-Corporal Coyne, Connaught Rangers, Cross street, Loughrea, has been awarded the Military Medal in recognition of his gallantry on the field. Corporal Coyne, in a night raid on the enemy's line, risked his life to save his officer, Lieutenant Robertson. Both of them fell into the German trenches in the attack, where they had to remain for four hours, during which Corporal Coyne seized a German machine gun, killing several of the crew. Coyne also received two parchment certificates in recognition of his bravery.

THE "ELIJAH" IN ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

A notable performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was given in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday evening last in the presence of a crowded congregation. It may not be out of place here to mention that had the seating accommodation been more adequate there need not have been any blocking of the passages in the aisles. It would be well for the Cathedral authorities to provide extra seats for a thousand or twelve hundred people in the north and south side aisles of the nave on future occasions. The Cathedral choir on Wednesday evening was assisted by members of the Dublin University Choral Society, and their assistance was very substantial, for the task was heavy. The part of the Prophet was taken at a few days' notice by Mr. Wesley Guard, in the absence of Mr. T. F. Marchant, who is suffering from a severe attack of laryngitis. Mr. Guard gave a very creditable, if quiet, interpretation of the work under the circumstances. He may not have risen to the heights of dramatic power, such as the part demanded, but he was always pleasant to listen to, and he rendered the soft and pathetic passages with great devotional feeling. Mr. Guard's voice has the quality of a bass-baritone rather than that of a baritone, for which the "Elijah" was written. The part of the Prophet was created by Joseph Staudigl, a baritone of rare quality, and an accomplished musician, and was sung by him at the Birmingham Festival of 1846, Mendelssohn conducting. Mrs. Brambell, who sang the part of the Widow on Wednesday night, has a fine declamatory style. She also sang effectively "Hear ye, Israel." Miss Broomfield sang the music assigned to her faithfully and with good expression. Miss Olive Hurley sang some of the soprano music. Her voice is both rich and sweet. She was best in "Holy is the Lord God of Sabaoth." Perhaps one of the most dramatic scenes in the work was where Jezebel stirs up the people to slay Elijah. Mrs. A. E. Hughes, who took the part of the Queen, had great opportunities here, of which she thoroughly availed herself. Her singing was most convincing. Mr. Kenneth Greer sang the tenor music with great finish and artistic refinement—as he always does. A word of praise must be given to the boy choristers, particularly Master Robert Kimber, who sang the part of the Youth and many of the recitatives in the work. Master Harry Lyons also sang sweetly. The choir did its work well, and sang with much vigour and earnestness, and yet with good expression. Some of the most dramatic numbers given by the chorus were: "Behold, the Lord God passeth by," the "Baal" choruses, and the great "Thanks be to God." The orchestra must also be mentioned. The strings were good; they were lead by Signor Simonetti, and Mr. Twelvetrees played most effectively the 'cello obbligato in "It is enough." The organ and horns blended well, and were particularly effective in the Prophet's curse motif. Mr. William Hopkins, the organist, played, making good use of the imitative powers of the splendid organ in producing the soft wood wind of the orchestra. Dr. Marchant is to be congratulated on the sound interpretation given of the work, and on having his choir and band in good order.

LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON, THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Prime Minister paid one of his rare visits to the House of Commons this afternoon. He was looking extremely well and cheerful, and members cherished hopes that the paper which he carried in his hand contained some good news. It proved, however, to be a message from the King recommending that, in view of the distinguished services of the late Sir Stanley Maude, a grant of £25,000 should be made to his widow. The grant will come up for consideration on Monday next. Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to the National Service Estimate, and on Thursday another vote of credit will be proposed. If the precedent of last year is followed there will be two such votes—one to cover the remaining expenditure for the present financial year, and the other to provide for the first month or two of 1918-19. On March 15th the total of the three votes was £610,000,000—a sum which will probably be equalled, if not exceeded, on the present occasion, since in addition to the ordinary war expenditure the Government now have to find very large amounts to finance their purchases of food. Ultimately, of course, these will come back, in some cases with profit, as the supplies are taken up by the distributors.

The Londonderry Corporation Bill, which has hitherto been delayed by Nationalist opposition, passed its second reading to-day on condition that the Committee will insert a clause limiting the borrowing powers of the Corporation to a sum of £50,000 until they shall have taken all the requisite steps to introduce into Parliament a Bill for the extension of the city boundaries.

Mr. Clynes stated to-day that a person who lives in a town, but has a farm in the country, can bring from his farm to his town house such of his own produce as a home-killed fowl, home-cured bacon, home-made jam, and home-churned butter without fear of prosecution. But when Major Hunt inquired whether, if a man buys a pig and fattens it, he will be allowed to eat it all himself, Mr. Clynes confessed that his knowledge of the question was still incomplete. Later on Mr. Prothero announced that, in order to prevent the disappearance of the pig industry, the Board of Agriculture had in hand a scheme for the preservation of all sows suitable for breeding.

Several questions were put to the Home Secretary regarding the activities of M. Litvinoff, the Bolshevik envoy. Sir George Cave stated that he would certainly not be allowed to circulate literature contrary to the law, and added, in reply to suggestions that M. Litvinoff should be deported, "I know exactly what I am going to do." The significance of his phrase was understood later, when it became known that the doors of M. Litvinoff's "Embassy" had been locked against him by his landlord, presumably at the request of the police.

Much curiosity has been felt as to the mission of M. Leo Kameneff, described as the representative extraordinary of the Russian People's Commissaries to this country. M. Kameneff says himself that he has to settle several matters with the British Government, and will then proceed to Paris to take up a position similar to that occupied by M. Litvinoff. There he is to carry out the instructions of his Government and acquaint the French Government and people with feeling in Russia. M. Kameneff, asked if he represented the Bolsheviks, admitted after some hesitation that he represented the Bolshevik Government. In the light of Mr. Balfour's statement that the Russian Government has not been recognised, M. Kameneff's position is interesting.

Mr. Bonar Law's grave statement that the decline in the shipping output is very largely due to labour troubles has greatly disturbed people to-day, for apprehensions previously felt had been removed by the many optimistic speeches heard of late. It is generally considered that the secrecy that envelops everything connected with the war is a mistake when applied to a thing of this kind. A wave of public indignation might have had a considerable effect on the shipbuilding trades if people had been allowed to realise what was taking place. Instead of public opinion being aroused against the people who are trying carefully or carelessly to ruin their country, the population is allowed to live in a fool's paradise, only to be awakened when danger is pressing.

One of the puzzles of the rationing system is the question of tinned meats. Shops are well stocked with these goods, but nobody is buying them at present. Large tins of corned beef and ox tongue are a drug in the market, for to buy them would take more coupons than the average family has at its disposal in a week. Something will have to be devised to meet this case, for the trade, like that in poultry, is at present paralysed.

The Board of Agriculture here is somewhat concerned at an idea held by many that, because potatoes are very cheap and presumably abundant, people need not worry about growing them in such quantities as last year. This is a serious mistake, for a period of shortage must come when the homely potato may prove to be our salvation. There is a suggestion that the growing of potatoes will not prove to be remunerative, but this is a great mistake. There will always be a market for potatoes for a very long time to come.

A morning newspaper suggests that the Germans are about to appeal to the King of Spain on the subject of air raids on open towns, with a view to securing that all such raids shall be confined to the war zone. This statement was submitted to the Foreign Office, but the accuracy of the story could not be vouched for, though it was said that it had already reached the Foreign Office. It was considered likely, but nothing could be said definitely. The news is interesting, but, as in the case of the German attempt to prevent the use of gas, there would be no guarantee worth having that the enemy would not resort to raiding open towns whenever it suited him. It cannot be doubted that the Germans have been terrorised by our raids, and they must now be sorry that they started the game. As a Londoner, I should particularly like to know whether the Germans regard the Metropolis as being within the war zone. We have been slack in returning the Germans' payment in their own coin, for it is nearly three and a half years since London was first raided by Zeppelins, and it is only now that we are able to deal out to the German people, who gloried in the raids on London, something of what we have suffered. It would be interesting to know what the London people think of the proposal. Probably they would rather go on being raided every now and again than renounce the idea that the Germans should experience what they have suffered. It is evident that the dwellers on the banks of the Rhine are in mortal terror of what may happen to them when the Allies are really ready for reprisals.

JOINT V.A.D. COMMITTEE FOR IRELAND.

The following have been co-opted members of the Joint V.A.D. Committee for Ireland (excluding Ulster):—Surgeon-General Sir James Maher, K.C.M.G., Acting D.D.M.S., Irish Command; Lady Bellingham, Mrs. Greer, the Right Hon. Lord Justice Molony, the Right Hon. Jonathan Hogg, Sir Joseph McGrath, Mr. Patrick J. Brady, M.P.; Mr. John Good.

THE WEATHER IN DUBLIN.

A sudden change in the weather took place in the small hours of yesterday morning, there being a heavy fall of sleet, followed by intense cold and sharp wind, which prevailed throughout the entire day. The wind rose in the afternoon, and there was a further slight fall of snow. Shipping at the port was somewhat interrupted by the severity of the weather, but not to any serious extent. Last night the weather was fine, but cold.

The Army Council announces that it intends to take over all supplies of wire nails, and those having such stocks are required to make a return to the Army Council.

THE LATE SIR STANLEY MAUDE.

PROPOSED GRANT TO LADY MAUDE.

The Speaker, in the House of Commons yesterday, read the following message from the King to the Prime Minister:—

"His Majesty, taking into consideration the eminent services rendered by the late Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Stanley Maude, K.C.B., while commanding His Majesty's Forces during the campaign in Mesopotamia, and being desirous, in recognition of these services, of conferring some signal mark of his favour upon his widow, Lady Maude, recommends to his faithful Commons that he shall be able to grant to Lady Maude the sum of £25,000."

The Prime Minister—I beg to move that this be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The motion was agreed to.

In reply to Mr. McKenna, Mr. Bonar Law said that it was proposed on Monday next to take the motion for the grant of an allowance to the widow of the late Sir Stanley Maude.

In the House of Lords Earl Curzon gave notice that on Tuesday next the House would be asked to concur in a grant to the widow of the late General Sir Stanley Maude of £25,000.

THE STRIKE AT BOLAND'S.

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER BAKERY.

The position with regard to the employés at the bakery and mills of Messrs. Bolands, Ltd., who are on strike, and the firm was somewhat as follows last night: The men were in favour of Government arbitration, but the firm would only arbitrate on conditions which were impossible of fulfilment in the time available to settle the present dispute. A telegram was received from Sir George Askwith by Mr. McKerrell, representing the Ministry of Labour, authorising him to intimate to the men that the difference between them and Messrs. Bolands, Ltd., would be referred to arbitration, and that steps were being taken to that end. He also authorised Mr. McKerrell to advise the firm that work should be resumed and the differences arbitrated upon, and that, if the firm refused, the Government would take over the bakery. On the strength of that telegram the men agreed, at their meeting on Wednesday night, to present themselves for work at the bakery yesterday morning. Their representatives who attended were informed by the manager that he had no instructions to restart them. Mr. McKerrell was informed that a meeting of the board of directors of the firm would be held during the course of the day, and that a decision would be arrived at regarding the duty of the firm with respect to the telegram to Mr. McKerrell. Later in the day Mr. McKerrell received a reply from the directors, which, in effect, meant that the firm had refused arbitration except upon its own conditions, and the firm, therefore, assumed that the Government would take possession of the bakery from that moment. It was added that the firm would take no responsibility for further carrying on the work. Mr. McKerrell thereafter had a meeting with the Irish Food Control Committee, presided over by Mr. Burke. He stated the position, and Mr. Burke afterwards had an interview with the manager and secretary of Messrs. Bolands. After consideration Mr. Burke intimated to the firm's representatives that the Food Control Committee had come to the conclusion that it was better that the bakery should remain idle until a manager on behalf of the Government took charge, and it was hoped that this change of management, under Government auspices, would take place in a few days. Mr. McKerrell met the representatives of the employés last evening at the Gresham Hotel, and explained the position to them, and it is expected that no further trouble with regard to the dispute will occur.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD.

Previous to dealing with the business on the agenda of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday,

The Chairman, Alderman Moran, J.P., referred to the fatal gassing of four men at the North Wall on Monday. He said when the vessel arrived at the Alexandra Basin on Sunday to be unloaded they little thought that within 24 hours it would prove a death trap to four of their fellow citizens, and he was sure he was voicing the feelings of every member of the Board when he expressed their deep regret and sincere sympathy with the relatives of the deceased men. He should also refer to the great efforts made to rescue these men. The greatest courage was displayed by the Fire Brigade men, and also by some members of the staff of the Board. He did not know what the powers of the Board were, but if they had any power to recognise the efforts made by these men they ought to exercise them in some way. He also suggested that provision should be made to have three or four gas masks put in charge of the harbour master, and placed at points of vantage where they would be available in case of necessity. They should do everything possible to save life by providing for expeditious aid to men affected by gas, and make arrangements that such assistance towards recovery should be effective.

The Lord Mayor said he agreed with the remarks of the Chairman suggesting that the sympathy of the Board should be tendered to the poor people who were bereaved. The unfortunate men were taken away in a moment, and the saddest thing was that they left wives and a number of children. This might not be the time or place to make a proposal, but they might do something towards rearing these children who were left fatherless at a moment's notice. He also agreed with the suggestion that gas masks should be provided.

Alderman Byrne said as he understood the boat was under the control of the Government he hoped they would treat the families of these people in a proper manner, and not leave the unfortunate widows and children of these men to depend on the miserable sum they would be awarded under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Port men were described in the House of Commons as engaged on work of national importance. All the poor men had large families, one had a family of seven whose ages ranged from 1½ years to 12 years.

Alderman O'Beirne said they should see that their officers engaged in the handling of cargoes should take precautionary measures.

Mr. McCormick said if a safety lamp had been lowered into the hold it would at once have shown the danger.

Mr. McCullagh, who joined in the expression of sympathy, said he had been working ships for 40 years and had never heard of an occurrence of the kind. He did not think that any one was to blame.

The Chairman said the lowering of lime water into the hold would have shown the danger.

The Lord Mayor said he knew what should have been done, but it was not done.

The discussion closed.

DEMAND FOR ALLOTMENTS IN DUBLIN.

Yesterday, in the City Hall, Mr. F. J. M'Carthy, Local Government Board Inspector, held a further inquiry into the application of the City Council of Dublin for power to acquire certain lands to be let by allotments to men willing to cultivate them for the purpose of producing food.

Mr. Muldoon, K.C. (instructed by Mr. J. M'Dowell) appeared in support of the application on behalf of 500 applicants residing at the north side of the city; Mr. M'Elligott, K.C., represented the Plotholders' Union, and Mr. Lardner (instructed by Messrs. H. and T. Fitzgerald) appeared for the Pembroke Council.

Mr. Rice, who represented the Corporation, stated that the lands taken as the result of the inquiry which was held five or six weeks ago were ultimately inadequate to the necessities of the situation. At the previous inquiry 2,010 applicants wanted plots, but the land that was taken provided only for 600, on the basis of an eighth of an acre for each. Since then the Corporation had received 790 applications, and that number, with the number previously unprovided for, made a total of 2,020, for whom at present there was not a square foot of land available.

It was stated that the taking of Merrion square was contemplated, but that it was abandoned. With regard to four acres at Bath avenue, the Rev. Father M'Vicar, President of the Catholic University School, stated that the taking of the field would practically mean the destruction of the school.

Mr. Lardner said the Pembroke Urban Council had received 538 applications for allotments, and had provided for 415. The Council thought that the withholding of the Catholic University School ground was not unreasonable. The City Corporation had no right to apply for land in the Pembroke area.

Mr. Healy, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. W. Mooney and Son) said that it was not in any spirit of opposition to the policy of distribution of plots among those deserving them that he objected, on behalf of stockowners, to the acquisition of plots, but he put before the Inspector the question whether the taking of grazing land might not do more harm than good. The demands of the plotholders should yield to the necessities of the cattle market as a centre of food, commerce, and wealth.

Mr. John Leonard, Chairman of the Irish Cattle Traders' Association, stated, in reply to Mr. Healy, that the view of the Association was that the paddock and parks adjacent to the Cattle Market were absolutely essential to the carrying on of their weekly trade. In the absence of these conveniences the trade would probably go elsewhere. Not less than £10 an acre was paid for these lands, proximity to the market being the cause of that high value.

Mr. Rice put it to the witness that it was more important for the country that men should be allowed to provide themselves with vegetables in their spare time than that one man should be allowed to be a land proprietor.

Mr. Leonard said that was not a fair way to put it.

In answer to Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Leonard said that if the lands in question had been taken for building on it would be the beginning of the ruin of the cattle trade of Dublin.

Mr. Hanbury (Messrs. Hanbury and Potterton), cattle salesmen, said he held 24 acres, and if these were taken from him they might give up the business. They were paying £20 an acre.

Mr. [illegible] Low said he paid to the Corporation in 1916 £589 in tolls. The paddocks were as necessary to the market as quays were to shipping.

The inquiry will be resumed to-day.

IRISH AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Irish Automobile Club took place yesterday at its house, in Dawson street, Dublin. The Chairman, Mr. E. White, presided.

The Committee, in their report for 1917, had pleasure in stating that the membership of the club had been well maintained during the year. The number of members who had resigned was small in view of the difficulty in obtaining petrol, the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and the large number of members who had in consequence to put up their cars. The members of the club now numbered 822, and associates 49. The ordinary work of the club and the interests of its members had been fully attended to, and the clubrooms and garage had been utilised more than had hitherto been the case.

In regard to the tax on motor cars (it was said) the Committee feel that, having regard to the small amount of petrol now granted under licence to private users, and to the fact that such petrol can only be used for work of a necessary character, the full duty should not be payable on such cars when their use is so much restricted, more particularly as there is no guarantee that on the expiration of their present petrol licences owners will be certain to obtain a renewal of their licences in respect of cars now being used. The Committee are, therefore, taking steps to bring their views before the proper authorities, with the object of having an arrangement made by which the interests of motorists will be as much as possible safeguarded. In the month of November a committee was formed in London consisting of representatives of the motor users, producers, and distributors, and this club was asked to appoint a representative on the Council. At the same time your Committee thought it opportune to form a committee, representative of all motoring interests in this country, for the purpose of putting forward the cause of Irish motorists as strongly as possible. They invited the Irish Motor Trade Association to appoint two representatives to meet two representatives of the Club, together with the local Secretary of the Automobile Association, who also kindly consented to act. This Joint Committee will in future consider, when necessary, any questions affecting the rights of Irish motor users, and it is hoped that the cordial co-operation of the bodies constituting this Committee will safeguard the interests of motorists in this country, which are, in some respects, not quite the same as those of motorists in Great Britain.

The Committee went on to say that the work of the club during the past year had been almost entirely devoted to maintaining the various war undertakings with which the club was associated in aid of sick, wounded, and travelling soldiers, and the Committee had been repeatedly assured that the work done had the sympathy and appreciation of the military authorities. While a portion of the work of the club had been done for the military authorities, it had also been in aid of alleviating the inevitable hardships of soldiers on active service. In the former case nothing but courtesy and assistance had been received; while in the latter the evident desire of the officers mentioned to help had encouraged all who were assisting our war work to aid the members of His Majesty's Forces. The Committee earnestly hoped that during the present year the members might find it possible to continue their support of the war services of the club. During the year covered by the report 17 hospital ships were met and seven trains, and 3,515 cases transferred to the Dublin hospitals, making a total of 40 hospital ships met and nine trains, and 11,346 cases transported since the beginning of the war.

The Chairman moved to adopt the annual report. He referred to a couple of matters. One was the stretcher-bearers' work, to which there was no reference in the report, as it was under the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Another was the work of the club's buffets. He thought it was not realised what was being done at the buffets. Their arrangements were so perfect that the average cost of the food of each man worked out at the decimal of a penny. Notwithstanding that, the funds were almost run out. One could not believe that the public—this was one of the two funds to which the public was asked to subscribe—would like to see the buffets shut.

The proposal to adopt the report was seconded by Sir William Fry, and was passed.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Talbot Power, seconded by Mr. J. B. Dunlop, junior, the accounts were received.

At the instance of Mr. A. St. G. de Renzy the honorary officers and the committee were re-elected for the ensuing year.

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES FOR MARCH.

(FROM OUR ASTRONOMICAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE PLANETS:—Mercury is a morning star till the 15th, when he is in Superior Conjunction. After that he is an evening star, with increasing elongation from the Sun till April 7th, when he remains above the horizon more than two hours after sunset. The first half of April will afford a good opportunity of seeing him. Venus is a morning star, at her greatest brilliancy on the [illegible] Aquarius, in a region destitute of conspicuous stars. Mars is in Opposition on the 15th, and is the planet of the month, so far as the attention of astronomers is concerned. Coming within reach of moderate telescopes only once in two years, and only for a few weeks each time, there is very little time for studying the planet, though he is one of our nearest neighbours. At the time of writing it is possible to see the North Polar snow-cap and a few of the more conspicuous markings with a 4in. or 5in. telescope. Given fine weather and steady air, good views may be obtained about the middle of March. The time of year in Mars at present is early summer in the Northern Hemisphere, and the North Polar snows are rapidly disappearing. A small round spot of brilliant whiteness is all that is left of them at the time being, and this may disappear completely before long. The outskirts of the southern snow area are visible at the opposite side of the disc, though the South Pole itself is on the further hemisphere, and, therefore, invisible to us. Jupiter souths before sunset and sets soon after midnight. Work on him should, therefore, be done in the early evening, when he is still high in the heavens. Saturn is above the horizon during the greater part of the night, and well placed for observation. He requires a moderately powerful telescope to see him well, nothing less than a magnification of fifty times being much use. With an instrument of sufficient power, the movements of his four most conspicuous satellites—Titan, Rhea, Dione, and Tethys—add very greatly to the interest of the planet as a view. The last three assume very pretty configurations just outside the ring, sometimes forming an equilateral triangle, with Saturn in the centre. Titan and Rhea can be seen with a 2½-inch telescope, but at least four inches are necessary to see the other two.

THE MOON:—
Last Quarter, March 5th, at 12.44 a.m.
New Moon, March 12th, at 7.52 p.m.
First Quarter, March 19th, at 1.30 p.m.
Full Moon, March 27th, at 5.35 p.m.

THE SUN:—Solar activity slackened off considerably after the violent outbursts of December, and at present the solar surface is comparatively quiet, no more than a normal number of spots being visible. The moment of the Vernal Equinox this year is just before Greenwich Mean Noon, on March 21st. The Sun is then on the Equator, going north, and day and night are equal all over the world.

THE STARS:—At midnight on March 1st Ursa Major occupies the zenith, the "quadrangle of the Plough" being a little north of the overhead point in the latitude of Dublin. Leo is south of the Bear, and the long constellation Hydra straggles along the whole southern horizon from south-east to south-west. From south-west to north-west the bright star-groups of the winter are setting. Aldebaran shines low in the north-west, the upper stars of Orion nearly due west, and Sirius south-west. Castor and Pollux are still fairly high up, as also is Procyon. In the south-east Spica is easily identified. Boötes, Serpens, Corona, and Hercules fill the eastern sky. Vega is low in the north-east. Cassiopeia is near the northern horizon. The following stars in sight are easy doubles for a small telescope:—(1) Mizar, the middle star of the three forming the Great Bear's tail; (2) Cor Caroli, in the vacant space below the curve of the Bear's tail, the only moderately bright star in the region, so easily identified; (3) Gamma Leonis, third star in the Sickle counting from Regulus, the bright star at the end of the handle; (4) Gamma Virginis, the middle one of a curved line of three third-magnitude stars, a little above Spica; Mars at present is close to the west end of the line; (5) Castor, the upper of the "Twins"; (6) Pulcherrima, or Epsilon Boötes, a little north-east of Arcturus. All these, except, perhaps, the last, are easy to a 2-inch telescope and average sight. Double stars require a fairly high magnification. It may be necessary to remark that inexperienced telescopists often meet with disappointment owing to the use of unsuitable eye-pieces. British opticians are second to none in their power of turning out first-class object-glasses. But it is quite a common thing, in the case of small telescopes of 2in. to 3in. aperture, to find a fine object-glass combined with an eye-piece which is either ridiculously too high or else equally ridiculously low. The right way to get the best work out of even a small telescope is to have three, or at the very least two, eye-pieces. If there are three, they should be (a) a low power of twenty to thirty times, for comets, clusters, nebulæ, and all other large objects; (b) a medium power of sixty to eighty times for the Moon and planets; (c) a high power of one hundred to one hundred and fifty times for double stars. Most small telescopes have a "day eye-piece." This can in most cases be turned into a good low-power for astronomy by unscrewing the back pair of lenses (those next the object-glass), with the short tube containing them, and then sliding the rest of the eye-piece about six inches further in. This is excellent for such objects as the Pleiades, the Great Nebula in Orion, and comets. It commonly magnifies from ten to twenty times according to the size of the telescope.

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Astronomical Telescopes—Dixon and Hempenstall, State Opticians, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY TRENCHES RAIDED.

The British front in France was very active yesterday. Successful raids were carried out by English and Scottish troops, which yielded in one instance twelve prisoners and a machine gun, and in another a similar number of prisoners and three machine guns. Artillery fire was again strong on both sides.

The French also raided enemy trenches and secured prisoners.

The German report speaks of English reconnaissances on many points of the front after violent artillery preparations.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Thursday, 9.59 a.m.—English troops carried out a successful raid last night against the enemy's trenches on Greenland Hill, north of the Scarpe River. Twelve prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us. English and Scottish troops also raided the German positions in the southern portion of Houthulst Forest, and brought back twelve prisoners and three machine guns. The enemy's artillery has been active in the neighbourhood of Harricourt and north and south of the Scarpe River. Artillery on both sides was active during the early part of the night east of Ypres.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Thursday Afternoon.—Our patrols operating in the region of Beaumont and in Lorraine, brought in some prisoners. There was rather lively cannonade to the north of Hill 344, on the right bank of the Meuse.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

The English, keeping up their reconnaissances, at many points of the front during the night, after violent artillery preparation, they attacked with strong forces at Houthulst Wood and north of the Scarpe. They were repulsed in hand-to-hand fighting and by counter-attack.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

DEPUTIES' PROTEST OF 1871.

The French Government have decided that to-day the terms of the protest made in the Bordeaux Parliament on the 17th February, 1871, by the Alsace-Lorraine Deputies shall be read in all schools and churches in France. The following is an English translation of the protest:—

"Abandoned in spite of all justice and by an odious abuse of force to the domination of the foreigner, we have a last duty to fulfil. We declare null and void a pact which disposes of us without our consent. The re-vindication of our rights will remain always open to each and every one of us, in the form and the measure which our conscience shall dictate to us. At the moment of leaving this Assembly, where our dignity no longer permits us to remain, and in spite of the bitterness of our sorrow, the supreme thought which fills our hearts is one of gratitude to those who for six months have not ceased to defend us, and to express our undying attachment to the country from which we are torn by violence. Our vows and our hopes will follow you, and we will wait with supreme confidence the future, when France, regenerated, will once again follow the glorious trend of her destiny. Your brothers of Alsace and Lorraine, torn in this moment from the common family, will keep for France absent a filial affection until the day when she will come to retake her place."

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

Italian Official.—Intermittent artillery actions were livelier on both sides of the Brenta and south of Ponte Di Piave. South-east of the [illegible] of Monte Solarola enemy patrols were put to flight by our reconnoitring parties, and repulsed by rifle fire. In the Vallarsa and along the old Piave, north of Cel Del Rosso, one of our strong patrols reached the dwellings of [illegible], threw back a group of enemies who had hastily arrived and captured and brought back to our lines two 11-inch trench mortars, about twenty rifles, and war material. During the day and night there was great aerial activity. Our aviators successfully hit with six tons of bombs several military places. British airmen brought down two enemy aircraft, one north of Nervesa, and the other north of Oderzo. Near Piave Di Soligo a captive balloon was hit by our artillery. During an action last night two enemy bombing planes were brought down.

Austrian Official.—There has been increased artillery activity on isolated sectors of the Italian front. As a reprisal for the Italian air attack on the open town of Innsbruck, our aviation squadrons on the night of February 26th-27th dropped bombs on the railway stations and military constructions of the naval port of Venice. It was clearly observed that many hits were registered which resulted in fires.

AN AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE?

A Rome telegram (Press Association war service) of Wednesday says:—Whilst all reports from France seem to indicate the imminence of the German offensive on the Western front, all information gleaned here from Austrian prisoners and from other sources lends colour to the belief that the Austrians, despite their having sent some artillery to help Germany, are themselves preparing a serious offensive against Italy. Nobody, however, seems to be able to determine whether a serious attack on the Italian front is meditated, or whether a mere feint concentration of Austrian troops is being made with strategic, as well as political, objects in view. According to absolutely reliable reports, a state of famine now prevails in Trieste, where conditions are described as truly terrible.

THE TORPEDOED HOSPITAL SHIP.

ANOTHER GERMAN INFAMY.

Reuter's Agency learns from a well-informed source that the hospital ship Glenart Castle was torpedoed within the area declared by the Germans themselves to be the free zone. This act constitutes a further breach of the German pledge not to sink hospital ships outside certain clearly defined limits. When the hospital ship Rewa was torpedoed in January an attempt was made by the German Government to show that the vessel had not been sunk by torpedo, but had struck a mine. This was clearly disproved at the time. The sinking of the Glenart Castle is additional proof, if such were needed, to the amount of attention paid by the German submarine commanders to the pledges given by their Government.

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT.

The Admiralty announces:—Sworn statements made independently by two survivors of the Glenart Castle make it quite clear that she was sunk by an enemy submarine, which was sighted within hailing distance within ten minutes of her being struck. It is to be noted that she was in the "free area," and was sunk even in breach of the German pledge given as to the immunity of hospital ships from attack in that area. The total number saved so far reported is 29, and the total number missing is 155. The numbers are as follows:—

Total crew, 120; R.A.M.C. officers, 7; female nurses, 8; other R.A.M.C. ranks, 47. Total on board, 182.

Saved—Crew, 25; R.A.M.C. ranks, 4. Total saved, 29.

Total missing, feared drowned, 153.

A HIGH BAROMETER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—I have no barograph, but I have recorded readings of the barometer in this house at 9.30 a.m. since May, 1910. On the 25th February the reading was 30.55. All the maxima exceeding 30.5 which I have on record are:—

6 May,	1910	30.6	4 April,	1911	30.55
17 Sept.,	1910	30.72	6 April,	1911	30.61
22 Sept.,	1910	30.71	9 April,	1911	30.7
5 Oct.,	1910	30.88	11 April,	1911	30.51
14 Oct.,	1910	30.74	13 April,	1911	30.6
30-31 Dec.,	1910	30.5	6 June,	1911	30.8
10 Jan.,	1911	30.85	10 Oct.,	1911	30.8
18 Jan.,	1911	31.1	14 April,	1912	30.6
1 Feb.,	1911	31.2	25 April,	1912	30.6
2 Feb.,	1911	31.2	21 Dec.,	1913	30.54
4 Feb.,	1911	31.1	21 Nov.,	1915	30.52
5 Feb.,	1911	30.75			

In every year there are gaps in the records in July and August.—Yours, etc.,
A. M. B. IRWIN.
40 Ailesbury road, Dublin, February 23rd, 1918.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. F. Williamson's letter, I write to say that my barometer, which had fallen from 30.53 inches at 2 p.m. on the 23rd inst. to 30.42 inches at 5.30 p.m. on the 24th, began then to rise rapidly till it reached 30.68 inches at 12.30 p.m. on the 25th. This is the highest reading I have recorded here, 143 feet above sea level. I checked this reading on the same day by Messrs. Dixon and Hempenstall's standard barometer in Suffolk street by means of my pocket aneroid, and found it correct.—Yours, etc.,
E. N. WYNNE, C.E.
Wentworth House, Wicklow, February 27th, 1918.

Lord Willingdon, Governor of Bombay Presidency, met with a fall out hunting, says a Reuter's Bombay telegram. He is suffering from concussion of the brain, but a reassuring bulletin has been issued.

WHERE JAPAN MAY STRIKE.

VALUABLE STORES AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE URAL MINERAL AREAS.

LENIN'S LATEST APPEAL.

The *Petit Parisien* (says a Reuter's Paris telegram) commenting on the position of Japan in view of the German advance in Russia, says that Japan is reserving for herself the right to adopt energetic measures if peace is concluded at Brest-Litovsk. She does not intend to be taken by surprise.

The journal considers that Japan should act in the direction of Siberia and the Urals to set up a barrier to German enterprises aimed at seizing the copper and platinum mines of the mountain chain forming the boundary between Europe and Asia.

It is not known, the paper continues, in what manner Japan's action will be carried out. The Tokio Government before acting will consult the Allies.

The *Echo de Paris* remarks that Japan will show that the Japanese have retained the dash and self-sacrificing spirit of the race, and will protect the Russians from the invaders.

SUGGESTED CO-OPERATION WITH AMERICA.

An Associated Press telegram from Washington says:—Japan has directed inquiries to America and the *Entente* Powers with a view to ascertaining their feelings towards the proposal to institute joint military operations in Siberia to save the vast quantities of supplies and stores at Vladivostock and along the Siberian railroad.

Officials at Washington refuse to discuss the subject for publication, but it is understood that so far as America is concerned the proposal when first broached was not wholly acceptable. The exchanges of communications are still in progress, and may result in a modification of the Government's attitude.

The Japanese regarded the situation in Siberia as warranting the adoption of some measure to secure the stores, even if it involved military action on Japan's part. The Japanese are quite willing to have the co-operation of *Entente* and American troops, and the problem now before the co-belligerent Chancelleries is: Whether Japan shall be allowed to proceed single-handed if a campaign is begun, or whether there shall be joint operation.

GERMAN HAUL AT MINSK.

Yesterday's Berlin *communiqué* stated:—

Operations are taking their course. In Esthonia the Fourth Esthonian Regiment has also placed itself under our command in order to clear the country of bands which are over-running it. In Minsk 2,000 machine guns and 50,000 rifles were captured.

LENIN'S FEEBLE APPEAL TO ARMS.

A Petrograd telegram, dated Wednesday, states that the fresh appeal to arms issued by the Central Executive Committee of the Council of the People's Commissaries also stated that a large quantity of munitions had fallen into the hands of the enemy, and that the Government with breaking hearts, had found it necessary to leave for the moment defenceless the workers of Poland, Lithuania, and Livonia, being firmly convinced that, seasoned by thirty years of class warfare, they would be able to offer the necessary resistance to the advancing Germans pending the rising of the International Proletariat in the fight to destroy the bastille of exploitation and oppression. The Government was convinced that the Proletariat would understand the salvation of the Centre of Russia's revolution was a supreme task, calling for every sacrifice. The danger from the German side is increasing. Germany, by a peace giving Reval to her, forces Russia to allow her rich minerals to leave the country free of export duty, and insists in the demobilisation of the newly formed detachments, which meant opening the doors to the contingency of fresh German demands. Germany reserved to itself the possible intervention at any moment in the international affairs both of Ukraine and Russia. These conditions produced an explosion of indignation in the ranks of the democracy, and the masses demand the rejection of the German claims. Russia, ready to accept the most humiliating conditions, was now rising against the soldiers in defence of the Revolution.

POSITION IN NORTHERN RUSSIA.

A Petrograd telegram (Press Association War Special) says that the Bolshevik Government issues the following statement regarding the position in Northern Russia:—

At a plenary meeting of echelons of sailors at Helsingfors it was resolved that the men would remain at their posts until the last minute. Cronstadt is calm. The sailors are enthusiastic for the defence of the Revolution. The enrolment of echelons of Red Guards directed towards Bologne and other points and mobilisation continues with animation. The soldiers are forgetting their past proceedings and are ready for the struggle. Regal Guards [illegible] verts from Reval has been occupied by White Guards. Artillery activity leads to the belief that the Germans are advancing. That the White Guards are acting in concert with the Germans is noticed by the order of events.

FINNISH SENATE AND THE KAISER.

The following official statement, dated Vaasa, Thursday, is issued:—The Finnish Senate has sent an address to the Imperial Chancellor thanking Germany for what she has done for Finland by the repatriation of the Finnish Volunteers after serving for three years in the German Armies. The address also expresses the hope that the German Emperor, as protector of German "kultur" and of the evangelical faith, will demand at the Peace Conference at Brest-Litovsk that all Russian troops should evacuate the country, and that the revolutionaries' arms shall be handed over to the legitimate Government.

MESOPOTAMIA.

The Secretary of the War Office issues the following:—

Since our occupation of Khan Abu Rayat on 20th February our patrols have been in contact with the Turks near Hit, and some prisoners have been taken. Our aeroplanes have attacked camps and billets near Hit, and also on the Upper Dialah.

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC BODIES.

At a special meeting of the County Dublin County Council yesterday, Mr. James Mahony presiding, notice of motion was given by Mr. Newcombe that he would move, at the next meeting, that the Council do approve of the action of the Chamber of Commerce and the city ratepayers' petition to the Lord Lieutenant, for the appointment of a commission of inquiry into the administration of the enormously increased expenditure of the North and the South Dublin Unions and the Richmond Asylum Board.

Mr. James Mahony gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting, that the Secretary be instructed to ask for the opinion of the Local Government Board on the following points:—[illegible] view of the Chairman of the Council [illegible], namely, that he might lawfully forbid the officials of the Council to carry out the orders given to them by the Council; and also if a [illegible] authority was vested in the chair, in the [illegible] temporary occupants of the chairman's absence.

The Secretary's estimate of expenditure for year 1918-19 was adopted. It amounts to [illegible], being an increase of £4,[illegible] on the estimate of the last year. The North and South Dublin Unions and the Richmond Asylum [illegible] of this increase [illegible]. In Balrothery District the increase was [illegible] on land and buildings, in Celbridge No. 2, [illegible] on land and buildings, in North Dublin [illegible], Dublin Rural District, [illegible] on land and buildings, Rathdown No. 1 Rural District, [illegible] on land and buildings.

BELFAST HARBOUR.

THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

A number of important matters relating to the Belfast Harbour development scheme were referred to by the Chairman (Right Hon. Robert Thompson, D.L., M.P.) at the monthly meeting of the Board yesterday. He was pleased to report that the Commissioners had been able during the past year to let land for shipbuilding and other purposes, which would bring in permanent ground rents amounting to a little over £10,000 per annum additional revenue, making a total rent roll, chiefly from shipbuilding lands, of about £30,000 per annum. To supply the requirements of the shipping, the coal trade, the grain trade, and other important interests which had been clamouring for additional accommodation, they had found it necessary to promote a bill in Parliament which would enable them to carry out many important improvements. They had been surprised to find that attempts had been made to hinder the progress of the bill, but there was no indication of any dissatisfaction among the harbour ratepayers, whose interests [illegible] it to be their duty to conserve and promote as a matter of first importance.

SOLDIERS RELEASED FROM TURKEY.

The following soldiers, who were prisoners in Turkey, are reported as having passed through Switzerland en route for England:—

Royal Irish Regiment—Flynn, 6643; [illegible] 4613, P.; Lacey, 10943; [illegible] Nolan, [illegible]; Middlesex Regiment—Conway, 8063; Royal Dublin Fusiliers—Larkin, 778[illegible]; Australian Infantry—O'Donnell, 4343.

THE LATE SIR STANLEY MAUDE.

PROPOSED GRANT TO LADY MAUDE.

...he Speaker, in the House of Commons yesterday, read the following message from the ...g to the Prime Minister:—

"His Majesty, taking into consideration the eminent services rendered by the late Lieutenant-General Sir Frederick Stanley Maude, K.C.B., while commanding His Majesty's Forces during the campaign in Mesopotamia, and being desirous, in recognition of these services, of conferring some signal mark of his favour upon his widow, Lady Maude, recommends to his faithful Commons that he shall be able to grant to Lady Maude the sum of £25,000."

...he Prime Minister—I beg to move that this ...referred to the Committee of Supply.

...he motion was agreed to.

...reply to Mr. McKenna, Mr. Bonar Law ...that it was proposed on Monday next to ...the motion for the grant of an allowance ...the widow of the late Sir Stanley Maude.

...the House of Lords Earl Curzon gave ...ce that on Tuesday next the House would ...asked to concur in a grant to the widow ...the late General Sir Stanley Maude of ...,000.

THE STRIKE AT BOLAND'S.

GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER BAKERY.

...he position with regard to the employés at ...bakery and mills of Messrs. Bolands, Ltd., ...are on strike, and the firm was somewhat ...ollows last night: The men were in favour ...Government arbitration, but the firm would ...arbitrate on conditions which were im...sible of fulfilment in the time available to ...le the present dispute. A telegram was ...eived from Sir George Askwith by Mr. McKerrell, representing the Ministry of Labour, ...horising him to intimate to the men that ...difference between them and Messrs. ...ands, Ltd., would be referred to arbitration, ...that steps were being taken to that end. ...also authorised Mr. McKerrell to advise the ...that work should be resumed and the ...erences arbitrated upon, and that, if the ...refused, the Government would take over ...bakery. On the strength of that telegram ...men agreed, at their meeting on Wednes...night, to present themselves for work at ...bakery yesterday morning. Their repre...tatives who attended were informed by the ...nager that he had no instructions to re...rt them. Mr. McKerrell was informed that ...meeting of the board of directors of the ...would be held during the course of the ..., and that a decision would be arrived at ...arding the duty of the firm with respect to ...telegram to Mr. McKerrell. Later in the ...Mr. McKerrell received a reply from the ...ectors, which, in effect, meant that the firm ...refused arbitration except upon its own ...ditions, and the firm, therefore, assumed ...t the Government would take possession of ...bakery from that moment. It was added ...t the firm would take no responsibility for ...ther carrying on the work. Mr. McKerrell ...reafter had a meeting with the Irish Food ...ntrol Committee, presided over by Mr. Burke. ...stated the position, and Mr. Burke after...rds had an interview with the manager and ...retary of Messrs. Bolands. After considera...n Mr. Burke intimated to the firm's repre...tatives that the Food Control Committee ...come to the conclusion that it was better ...t the bakery should remain idle until a ...nager on behalf of the Government took ...rge, and it was hoped that this change of ...nagement, under Government auspices, would ...e place in a few days. Mr. McKerrell met ...representatives of the employés last evening ...the Gresham Hotel, and explained the posi...n to them, and it is expected that no further ...uble with regard to the dispute will occur.

DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD.

Previous to dealing with the business on the ...nda of the Dublin Port and Docks Board ...terday,

The Chairman, Alderman Moran, J.P., re...ed to the fatal gassing of four men at the ...rth Wall on Monday. He said when the ...el arrived at the Alexandra Basin on Sun...to be unloaded they little thought that ...hin 24 hours it would prove a death trap to ...r of their fellow citizens, and he was sure ...was voicing the feelings of every member of ...Board when he expressed their deep regret ...sincere sympathy with the relatives of the ...eased men. He should also refer to the ...rts made to rescue these men. The greatest ...rage was displayed by the Fire Brigade men, ...also by some members of the staff of the ...rd. He did not know what the powers of ...Board were, but if they had any power to ...ognise the efforts made by these men they ...ght to exercise them in some way. He also ...gested that provision should be made to ...three or four gas masks put in charge ...the harbour master, and placed at points ...vantage where they would be available in ...of necessity. They should do everything ...sible to save life by providing for ex...itious aid to men affected by gas, and make ...angements that such assistance towards re...ery should be effective.

The Lord Mayor said he agreed with the re...rks of the Chairman suggesting that the ...pathy of the Board should be tendered to ...poor people who were bereaved. The unfor...ate men were taken away in a moment, and ...saddest thing was that they left wives and a ...mber of children. This might not be the ...e or place to make a proposal, but they ...ght do something towards rearing those chil...n who were left fatherless at a moment's ...ice. He also agreed with the suggestion ...gas masks should be provided.

Alderman Byrne said as he understood the ...t was under the control of the Government ...hoped they would treat the families of these ...ple in a proper manner, and not leave the ...fortunate widows and children of these men ...depend on the miserable sum they would be ...arded under the Workmen's Compensation ...t. Port men were described in the House of ...mmons as engaged on work of national im...tance. All the poor men had large families. ...had a family of seven whose ages ranged ...m 1½ years to 12 years.

Alderman O'Beirne said they should see that ...ir officers engaged in the handling of cargoes ...uld take precautionary measures.

Mr. McCormick said if a safety lamp had ...n lowered into the hold it would at once ...e shown the danger.

Mr. McCullagh, who joined in the expression ...sympathy, said he had been working ships ...40 years and had never heard of an occur...ce of the kind. He did not think that any ...was to blame.

The Chairman said the lowering of lime water ...to the hold would have shown the danger.

The Lord Mayor said he knew what should ...ve been done, but it was not done.

The discussion closed.

DEMAND FOR ALLOTMENTS IN DUBLIN.

Yesterday, in the City Hall, Mr. F. J. M'Carthy, ...al Government Board Inspector, held a further ...uiry into the application of the City Council of ...blin for power to acquire certain lands to be let ...allotments to men willing to cultivate them for ...purpose of producing food.

Mr. Muldoon, K.C. (instructed by Mr. J. ...Dowell) appeared in support of the application ...behalf of 800 applicants residing at the north ...of the city. Mr. M'Elligott, K.C., represented ...Plotholders' Union, and Mr. Lardner (instructed ...Messrs. D. and T. Fitzgerald) appeared for ...Pembroke Council.

Mr. Rice, who represented the Corporation, stated ...t the lands taken as the result of the inquiry ...ch was held five or six weeks ago were ulti...tely inadequate to the necessities of the situa...n. At the previous inquiry 2,010 applicants ...nted plots, but the land that was taken provided ...y for 690, on the basis of an eighth of an ...e for each. Since then the Corporation had re...ed 790 applications, and that number, with the ...mber previously unprovided for, made a total of ...20, for whom at present there was not a square ...of land available.

It was stated that the taking of Merrion square ...contemplated, but that it was abandoned. With ...ard to four acres at Bath avenue, the Rev. ...ther M'Vicar, President of the Catholic Univer...School, stated that the taking of the field would ...ctically mean the destruction of the school.

Mr. Lardner said the Pembroke Urban Council ...received 538 applications for allotments, and ...provided for 415. The Council thought that ...withholding of the Catholic University School ...und was not unreasonable. The City Corpora...had no right to apply for land in the Pem...ke area.

Mr. Healy, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. W. ...y and Son) said that it was not in any spirit ...opposition to the policy of distribution of plots ...ong those deserving them that he objected, on ...alf of stock-owners, to the acquisition of plots. ...he put before the inspector the question whether ...taking of grazing land might not do more ...m than good. The demands of the plotholders ...uld yield to the necessities of the cattle market ...centre of food, commerce, and wealth.

Mr. John Leonard, Chairman of the Irish Cattle ...ders' Association, stated, in reply to Mr. Healy, ...the view of the Association was that the ...dock and parks adjacent to the Cattle Market ...absolutely essential to the carrying on of their ...kly trade. In the absence of these conveniences ...trade would probably go elsewhere. Not less ...£10 an acre was paid for these lands, proximity to the market being the cause of that high ...

Mr. Rice put it to the witness that it was more ...ortant for the country that men should be ...wed to provide themselves with vegetables in ...more time than that one man should be ...ved to be a land proprietor.

Mr. Leonard said that was not a fair way to put ...

In answer to Mr. M'Dowell, Mr. Leonard said ...if the lands in question had been taken for ...ding on it would be the beginning of the end ...the cattle trade of Dublin.

Mr. Hanbury (Messrs. Hanbury and Patterson), ...salesmen, said he held 60 acres, and if these ...taken from him they might give up the busi...

They were paying £30 an acre.

Mr. Garle Law said he paid to the Corporation ...1916 £689 in tolls. The paddocks were as ne...ary to the market as quays were to shipping.

The inquiry will be resumed to-day.

IRISH AUTOMOBILE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Irish Automobile Club took place yesterday at its house, ... Dawson street, Dublin. The Chairman, Mr. ... White, presided.

The Committee, in their report for 1917, had pleasure in stating that the membership of the club had been well maintained during the year. The number of members who had resigned was small in view of the difficulty in obtaining petrol, the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and the large number of members who had in consequence to put up their cars. The members of the club now numbered ... and associates 49. The ordinary work of the club and the interests of its members had been fully attended to, and the clubrooms and garage had been utilised more than had hitherto been the case.

In regard to the tax on motor cars (it was said) the Committee feel that, having regard to the small amount of petrol now granted under licence to private users, and to the fact that such petrol can only be used for work of a necessary character, the full duty should not be payable on such cars when their use is so much restricted, more particularly as there is no guarantee that on the expiration of their present petrol licences owners will be certain to obtain a renewal of their licences in respect of cars now being used. The Committee are, therefore, taking steps to bring their views before the proper authorities, with the object of having an arrangement made by which the interests of motorists will be as much as possible safeguarded. In the month of November a committee was formed in London consisting of representatives of the motor users, producers, and distributors, and this club was asked to appoint a representative on the Council. At the same time your Committee thought it opportune to form a committee, representative of all motoring interests in this country, for the purpose of putting forward the cause of Irish motorists as strongly as possible. They invited the Irish Motor Trade Association to appoint two representatives to meet two representatives of the Club, together with the local Secretary of the Automobile Association, who also kindly consented to act. This Joint Committee will in future consider, when necessary, any questions affecting the rights of Irish motor users, and it is hoped that the cordial co-operation of the bodies constituting this Committee will safeguard the interests of motorists in this country, which are, in some respects, not quite the same as those of motorists in Great Britain.

The Committee went on to say that the work of the club during the past year had been almost entirely devoted to maintaining the various war undertakings with which the club was associated in aid of sick, wounded, and travelling soldiers, and the Committee had been repeatedly assured that the work done had the sympathy and appreciation of the military authorities. While a portion of the work of the club had been done for the military authorities, it had also been in aid of alleviating the inevitable hardships of soldiers on active service. In the former case nothing but courtesy and assistance had been received; while in the latter the evident desire of the officers mentioned to help had encouraged all who were assisting our war work to aid the members of His Majesty's Forces. The Committee earnestly hoped that during the present year the members might find it possible to continue their support of the war services of the club. During the year covered by the report 17 hospital ships were met and seven trains, and 3,515 cases transferred to the Dublin hospitals, making a total of 40 hospital ships met and nine trains, and 11,346 cases transported since the beginning of the war.

The Chairman moved to adopt the annual report. He referred to a couple of matters. One was the stretcher-bearers' work, to which there was no reference in the report, as it was under the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross and the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Another was the work of the club's buffets. He thought it was not realised what was being done at the buffets. Their arrangements were so perfect that the average cost of the food of each man worked out at the decimal of a penny. Notwithstanding that, the funds were almost run out. One could not believe that the public—this was one of the two funds to which the public was asked to subscribe—would like to see the buffets shut.

The proposal to adopt the report was seconded by Sir William Fry, and was passed.

On the motion of Sir Thomas Talbot Power, seconded by Mr. J. B. Dunlop, junior, the accounts were received.

At the instance of Mr. A. St. G. de Renzy, the honorary officers and the committee were re-elected for the ensuing year.

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES FOR MARCH.

(FROM OUR ASTRONOMICAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE PLANETS:—Mercury is a morning star till the 13th, when he is in Superior Conjunction. After that he is an evening star, with increasing elongation from the Sun till April 7th, when he remains above the horizon more than two hours after sunset. The first half of April will afford a good opportunity of seeing him. Venus is a morning star, at her greatest brilliancy on the ... Aquarius, in a region destitute of conspicuous stars. Mars is in Opposition on the 15th, and is the planet of the month, so far as the attention of astronomers is concerned. Coming within reach of moderate telescopes only once in two years, and only for a few weeks each time, there is very little time for studying the planet, though he is one of our nearest neighbours. At the time of writing it is possible to see the North Polar snow-cap and a few of the more conspicuous markings with a 4in. or 5in. telescope. Given fine weather and steady air, good views may be obtained about the middle of March. The time of year in Mars at present is early summer in the Northern Hemisphere, and the North Polar snows are rapidly disappearing. A small round spot of brilliant whiteness is all that is left of them at the time being, and this may disappear completely before long. The outskirts of the southern snow area are visible at the opposite side of the disc, though the South Pole itself is on the further hemisphere, and, therefore, invisible to us. Jupiter souths before sunset and sets soon after midnight. Work on him should, therefore, be done in the early evening, when he is still high in the heavens. Saturn is above the horizon during the greater part of the night, and well placed for observation. He requires a moderately powerful telescope to see him well, nothing less than a magnification of fifty times being much use. With an instrument of sufficient power, the movements of his four most conspicuous satellites—Titan, Rhea, Dione, and Tethys—add very greatly to the interest of the planet as a view. The last three assume very pretty configurations just outside the ring, sometimes forming an equilateral triangle, with Saturn in the centre. Titan and Rhea can be seen with a 2½-inch telescope, but at least four inches are necessary to see the other two.

THE MOON:—

Last Quarter, March 5th, at 12.44 a.m.
New Moon, March 12th, at 7.52 p.m.
First Quarter, March 19th, at 1.30 p.m.
Full Moon, March 27th, at 5.33 p.m.

THE SUN:—Solar activity slackened off considerably after the violent outbursts of December, and at present the solar surface is comparatively quiet, no more than a normal number of spots being visible. The moment of the Vernal Equinox this year is just before Greenwich Mean Noon, on March 21st. The Sun is then on the Equator, going north, and day and night are equal all over the world.

THE STARS:—At midnight on March 1st Ursa Major occupies the zenith, the "quadrangle of the Plough" being a little north of the overhead point in the latitude of Dublin. Leo is south of the Bear, and the long constellation Hydra straggles along the whole southern horizon from south-east to south-west. From south-west to north-west the bright star-groups of the winter are setting. Aldebaran shines low in the north-west, the upper stars of Orion nearly due west, and Sirius south-west. Castor and Pollux are still fairly high up, as also is Procyon. In the south-east Spica is easily identified. Boötes, Serpens, Corona, and Hercules fill the eastern sky. Vega is low in the north-east. Cassiopeia is near the northern horizon. The following stars in sight are easy doubles for a small telescope:—(1) Mizar, the middle star of the three forming the Great Bear's tail; (2) Cor Caroli, in the vacant space below the curve of the Bear's tail, the only moderately bright star in the region, so easily identified; (3) Gamma Leonis, third star in the Sickle counting from Regulus, the bright star at the end of the handle; (4) Gamma Virginis, the middle one of a curved line of three third-magnitude stars, a little above Spica; Mars at present is close to the west end of the same line; (5) Castor, the upper of the "Twins"; (6) Pulcherrima, or Epsilon Boötis, a little north-east of Arcturus. All these, except, perhaps, the last, are easy to a 2-inch telescope and average sight. Double stars require a fairly high magnification. It may be necessary to remark that inexperienced telescopists often meet with disappointment owing to the use of unsuitable eye-pieces. British opticians are second to none in their power of turning out first-class object-glasses. But it is quite a common thing, in the case of small telescopes of 2in. to 3in. aperture, to find a fine object-glass combined with an eye-piece which is either ridiculously too high or else equally ridiculously low. The right way to get the best work out of even a small telescope is to have three, or at the very least two, eye-pieces. If there are three, they should be (a) a low power of twenty to thirty times, or even less, for comets, clusters, nebulæ, and all other large objects; (b) a medium power of sixty to eighty times for the Moon and planets; (c) a high power of one hundred to one hundred and fifty times for double stars. Most small telescopes have a "day eye-piece." This can in most cases be turned into a good low-power for astronomy by unscrewing the back pair of lenses (those next the object-glass), with the short tube containing them, and then sliding the rest of the eye-piece about six inches further in. This is excellent for such objects as the Pleiades, the Great Nebula in Orion, and comets. It commonly magnifies from ten to twenty times, according to the size of the telescope.

W. F. A. E.

Fotheringham Observatory.

Astronomical Telescopes—Dixon and Hempenstall, State Opticians, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

WESTERN FRONT.

ENEMY TRENCHES RAIDED.

The British front in France was very active yesterday. Successful raids were carried out by English and Scottish troops, which yielded in one instance twelve prisoners and a machine gun, and in another a similar number of prisoners and three machine guns. Artillery fire was again strong on both sides.

The French also raided enemy trenches and secured prisoners.

The German report speaks of English reconnaissances on many points of the front after violent artillery preparations.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

Thursday, 9.59 a.m.—English troops carried out a successful raid last night against the enemy's trenches on Greenland Hill, north of the Scarpe River. Twelve prisoners and a machine gun were captured by us. English and Scottish troops also raided the German positions in the southern portion of Houthulst Forest, and brought back twelve prisoners and three machine guns. The enemy's artillery has been active in the neighbourhood of Harricourt Wood and south of the Scarpe River. Artillery on both sides was active during the early part of the night east of Ypres.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Thursday Afternoon.—Our patrols operating in the region of Beaumont and in Lorraine brought in some prisoners. There was rather a lively cannonade to the north of Hill 344, on the right bank of the Meuse.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

The English, keeping up their reconnaissances on many points of the front during the night, after violent artillery preparation, they attacked with strong forces at Houthulst Wood and north of the Scarpe. They were repulsed in hand-to-hand fighting and by counter-attack.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

DEPUTIES' PROTEST OF 1871.

The French Government have decided that to-day the terms of the protest made in the Bordeaux Parliament on the 17th February, 1871, by the Alsace-Lorraine Deputies shall be read in all schools and churches in France. The following is an English translation of the protest:—

"Abandoned in spite of all justice and by an odious abuse of force to the domination of the foreigner, we have a last duty to fulfil. We declare null and void a pact which disposes of us without our consent. The re-vindication of our rights will remain always open to each and every one of us, in the form and the measure which our conscience shall dictate to us. At the moment of leaving this Assembly, where our dignity no longer permits us to remain, and in spite of the bitterness of our sorrow, the supreme thought which fills our hearts is one of gratitude to those who for six months have not ceased to defend us, and to express our undying attachment to the country from which we are torn by violence. Our vows and our hopes will follow you, and we will wait with supreme confidence the future, when France, regenerated, will once again follow the glorious trend of her destiny. Your brothers of Alsace and Lorraine, torn in this moment from the common family, will keep for France absent a filial affection until the day when she will again retake her place."

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

Italian Official.—Intermittent artillery actions were livelier on both sides of the Brenta and south of Ponte Di Piave. South-east of the edge of Monte Solarolo enemy patrols were put to flight by our reconnoitring parties, and repulsed by rifle fire. In the Vallarsa and along the old Piave, north of Col Del Rosso, one of our strong patrols reached the dwellings of ...occaredo, threw back a group of enemies who had hastily arrived, and captured and brought back to our lines two 11-inch trench mortars, about twenty rifles, and war material. During the day and night there was great aerial activity. Our aviators successfully hit with six tons of bombs several military places. British airmen brought down two enemy aircraft, one north of Nirvesa, and the other north of Oderzo. Near Piave Di Soligo a captive balloon was hit by our artillery. During an action last night two enemy bombing ... were brought down.

Austrian Official.—There has been increased ... activity on isolated sectors of the ... front. As a reprisal for the Italian air ... on the open town of Innsbruck, our ... squadrons on the night of February 26th-27th dropped bombs on the railway stations and military constructions of the naval port of Venice. It was clearly observed that many hits were ... which resulted in fires.

AN AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE?

... telegram (Press Association war ...) of Wednesday says:—Whilst all reports ... France seem to indicate the imminence of ... German offensive on the Western front, all the information gleaned here from Austrian prisoners and from other sources leads colour to the belief that the Austrians, despite their having sent some artillery to help Germany, are themselves preparing a serious offensive against Italy. Nobody, however, seems to be able to determine whether a serious attack on the Italian front is meditated, or whether a mere feint concentration of Austrian troops is being made with strategic, as well as political, objects in view. According to absolutely reliable reports, a state of famine now prevails in Trieste, where conditions are described as truly terrible.

THE TORPEDOED HOSPITAL SHIP.

ANOTHER GERMAN INFAMY.

Reuter's Agency learns from a well-informed source that the hospital ship Glenart Castle was torpedoed within the area declared by the Germans themselves to be the free zone. This act constitutes a further breach of the German pledge not to sink hospital ships outside certain clearly defined limits. When the hospital ship Rewa was torpedoed in January an attempt was made by the German Government to show that the vessel had not been sunk by torpedo, but had struck a mine. This was clearly disproved at the time. The sinking of the Glenart Castle is additional proof, if such were needed, to the amount of attention paid by the German submarine commanders to the pledges given by their Government.

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT.

The Admiralty announces:—Sworn statements made independently by two survivors of the Glenart Castle make it quite clear that she was sunk by an enemy submarine, which was sighted within hailing distance within ten minutes of her being struck. It is to be noted that she was in the "free area," and was sunk even in breach of the German pledge given as to the immunity of hospital ships from attack in that area. The total number saved so far reported is 29, and the total number missing is 153. The numbers are as follows:—

Total crew, 120; R.A.M.C. officers, 7; female nurses, 8; other R.A.M.C. ranks, 47. Total on board, 182.

Saved—Crew, 25; R.A.M.C. ranks, 4. Total saved, 29.

Total missing, feared drowned, 153.

A HIGH BAROMETER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I have no barograph, but I have recorded readings of the barometer in this house at 9.30 a.m. since May, 1910. On the 25th February the reading was 30.55. All the readings exceeding 30.5 which I have on record are:—

6 May, 1910	30.8	4 April, 1911	30.55
17 Sept., 1910	30.72	6 April, 1911	30.61
22 Sept., 1910	30.71	9 April, 1911	30.7
5 Oct., 1910	30.66	11 April, 1911	30.51
14 Oct., 1910	30.74	15 April, 1911	30.6
30-31 Dec., 1910	30.5	6 June, 1911	30.8
10 Jan., 1911	30.85	10 Oct., 1911	30.8
16 Jan., 1911	31.1	14 April, 1912	30.6
1 Feb., 1911	31.2	25 April, 1912	30.6
2 Feb., 1911	31.2	21 Dec., 1913	30.54
7 Feb., 1911	31.1	21 Nov., 1915	30.52
15 Feb., 1911	30.75		

In every year there are gaps in the records in July and August.—Yours, etc.,

A. M. B. IRWIN.

40 Ailesbury road, Dublin,
February 25th, 1918.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. J. F. Williamson's letter, I write to say that my barometer, which had fallen from 30.55 inches at 2 p.m. on the 23rd Feb. to 30.42 inches at 5.30 p.m. on the 24th, began then to rise rapidly till it reached 30.9 inches at 10.30 p.m. on the 25th. This is the highest reading I have recorded here, 25 feet above sea level. I checked this reading on the same day by Messrs. Dixon and Hempenstall's standard barometer in Suffolk street by means of my pocket aneroid, and found it correct.—Yours, etc.,

E. N. WEBBE, C.E.

Wentworth House, Wicklow,
February 27th, 1918.

Lord Willingdon, Governor of Bombay Presidency, met with a fall out hunting, says a Reuter's Bombay telegram. He is suffering from concussion of the brain, but a reassuring bulletin has been issued.

WHERE JAPAN MAY STRIKE.

VALUABLE STORES AT VLADIVOSTOCK.

THE URAL MINERAL AREAS.

LENIN'S LATEST APPEAL.

The *Petit Parisien* (says a Reuter's Paris telegram) commenting on the position of Japan in view of the German advance in Russia, says that Japan is reserving for herself the right to adopt energetic measures if peace is concluded at Brest-Litovsk. She does not intend to be taken by surprise.

The journal considers that Japan should act in the direction of Siberia and the Urals to set up a barrier to German enterprises aimed at seizing the copper and platinum mines of the mountain chain forming the boundary between Europe and Asia.

It is not known, the paper continues, in what manner Japan's action will be carried out. The Tokio Government before acting will consult the Allies.

The *Echo de Paris* remarks that Japan will show that the Japanese have retained the dash and self-sacrificing spirit of the race, and will protect the Russians from the invaders.

SUGGESTED CO-OPERATION WITH AMERICA.

An Associated Press telegram from Washington says:—Japan has directed inquiries to America and the *Entente* Powers with a view to ascertaining their feelings towards the proposal to institute joint military operations in Siberia to save the vast quantities of supplies and stores at Vladivostock and along the Siberian railroad.

Officials at Washington refuse to discuss the subject for publication, but it is understood that so far as America is concerned the proposal when first broached was not wholly acceptable. The exchanges of communications are still in progress, and may result in a modification of the Government's attitude.

The Japanese regarded the situation in Siberia as warranting the adoption of some measure to secure the stores, even if it involves military action on Japan's part. The Japanese are quite willing to have the co-operation of *Entente* and American troops, and the problem now before the co-belligerent Chancelleries is—Whether Japan shall be allowed to proceed single-handed if a campaign is begun, or whether there shall be joint operation.

GERMAN HAUL AT MINSK.

Yesterday's Berlin *communiqué* stated:—

Operations are taking their course. In Esthonia the Fourth Esthonian Regiment has also placed itself under our command in order to clear the country of bands which are overrunning it. In Minsk 2,600 machine guns and 50,000 rifles were captured.

LENIN'S FEEBLE APPEAL TO ARMS.

A Petrograd telegram, dated Wednesday, states that the fresh appeal to arms issued by the Central Executive Committee of the Council of the People's Commissaries also stated that a large quantity of munitions had fallen into the hands of the enemy, and that the Government, with breaking hearts, had found it necessary to leave for the moment defenceless the workers of Poland, Lithuania, and Livonia, being firmly convinced that, seasoned by thirty years of class warfare, they would be able to offer the necessary resistance to the advancing Germans pending the time of the rising of the International Proletariat in the fight to destroy the bastilles of exploitation and oppression. The Government was convinced that the Proletariat would understand the salvation of the Centre of Russia's revolution was a supreme task, calling for every sacrifice. The danger from the German side is increasing. Germany, by a peace giving Reval to her, forces Russia to allow her rich minerals to leave the country free of export duty, and insists in the demobilisation of the newly-formed detachments, which meant opening the doors to the contingency of fresh German demands. Germany reserved to itself the possible intervention at any moment in the international affairs both of Ukraine and Russia. These peace conditions produced an explosion of indignation in the ranks of the democracy, and the masses demand the rejection of the German claims. Russia, ready to accept the most humiliating conditions, was now rising against the soldiers in defence of the Revolution.

POSITION IN NORTHERN RUSSIA.

A Petrograd telegram (Press Association War Special) says that the Bolshevik Government ... the following statement regarding the position in Northern Russia:—

At a plenary meeting of echelons of sailors at Helsingfors it was resolved that the men would remain at their posts until the last minute. Cronstadt is calm. The sailors are enthusiastic for the defence of the Revolution. The enrolment of echelons of Red Guards directed towards Bologne and other points and mobilisation continues with animation. The soldiers are forgetting their past proceedings, and are ready for the struggle. Regal (90 versts from Reval) has been occupied by White Guards. Artillery activity leads to the belief that the Germans are advancing. That the White Guards are acting in concert with the Germans is noticed by the order of events.

FINNISH SENATE AND THE KAISER.

The following official statement, dated Vasa, Thursday, is issued:—The Finnish Senate has sent an address to the Imperial Chancellor, thanking Germany for what she has done for Finland by the repatriation of the Finnish Volunteers after serving for three years in the German Armies. The address also expresses the hope that the German Emperor, as protector of German "kultur" and of the evangelical faith, will demand at the Peace Conference at Brest-Litovsk, that all Russian troops shall evacuate the country, and that the revolutionaries' arms shall be handed over to the legitimate Government.

MESOPOTAMIA.

The Secretary of the War Office issues the following:—

Since our occupation of Khan Abu Royat on 20th February our patrols have been in contact with the Turks near Hit, and some prisoners have been taken. Our aeroplanes have attacked camps and billets near Hit, and also on the Upper Dialah.

DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC BODIES.

At a special meeting of the County Dublin County Council yesterday, Mr. James Mahony presiding, notice of motion was given by Mr. B. J. Newcombe that he would move, at the next meeting, that the Council do approve of the Chamber of Commerce and the city ratepayers' petition to the Lord Lieutenant, for the appointment of a commission of inquiry into the administration and the enormously increased expenditure of the North and the South Dublin Unions and the Richmond Asylum Board.

Mr. James Mahony gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting, that the Secretary be instructed to ask for the opinion of the Local Government Board on the following point:—If the view of the Chairman of the Council was correct—namely, that he might lawfully forbid the officials of the Council to carry out the orders expressly given to them by the Council; and also if a similar authority was vested in the Chairman and all temporary occupants of the chair, in the Chairman's absence.

The Secretary's estimate of expenditure for the year 1918-19 was adopted. It amounts to £247,518, being an increase of £46,677 on the estimate for the last year. The North and South Dublin Unions and the Richmond Asylum were responsible for £41,... of this increase. In Balrothery Rural District the increase was 94d. on land and buildings; in Celbridge No. 2, 10½d. on land and buildings; in North Dublin 1s. 1d. on land and buildings; in South Dublin Rural District, 1s.1d. on land and buildings; Rathdown No. 1 Rural District, 11½d. on land and buildings.

BELFAST HARBOUR.

THE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

A number of important matters relating to the Belfast Harbour development scheme were referred to by the Chairman (Right Hon. Robert Thompson, D.L., M.P.) at the annual meeting of the Board yesterday. He was pleased to report that the Commissioners had been able during the past year to let lands for shipbuilding and other purposes, which would bring in permanent ground rents amounting to a little over £10,000 per annum additional revenue, making a total rent roll, chiefly from shipbuilding lands, of about £30,000 per annum. To supply the requirements of the shipbuilders, the coal trade, the grain trade, and other important interests which had been clamant for additional accommodation, they had found it necessary to promote a bill in Parliament which would enable them to carry out many important improvements. They had been surprised to find that attempts had been made to hinder the progress of the bill, but they had no indication of any dissatisfaction among the harbour ratepayers, whose interests they felt it to be their duty to conserve and consider as a matter of first importance.

SOLDIERS RELEASED FROM TURKEY.

The following soldiers, who were prisoners of war in Turkey, are reported as having passed through Switzerland en route for England:—

Royal Irish Regiment—Flynn, 8642, J.; Flynn, 4613, P.; Lacy, 10063, D.; Nolan, 3864, J. Munster Regiment—Quinny, 8503, J. Royal Dublin Fusiliers—Larkin, 7794, T. Australian Infantry—O'Donnell, 4341, R.

RUMANIA'S FATE.

TERMS PRESENTED TO THE KING.

CZERNIN'S INTERVIEW.

A Reuter's Paris telegram of Wednesday says:—The *Temps* announces that a *communiqué*, despatched from Bukharest to the German newspapers, states that the Ministry of the Interior has despatched the following Note to the Rumanian negotiators:—

"M. Pierre Carp (a former Rumanian Premier) requests you to represent respectfully to the King that, in his opinion, even if the King were to sign a peace with the Central Powers, his continued presence on the Rumanian Throne would result in a series of upheavals, thereby rendering it impossible to maintain the dynasty, and creating moreover serious difficulties in the way of healing wounds caused by his fatal and misguided policy."

The Rumanian Press Bureau denies most emphatically the German *communiqué* issued in Bukharest, to the effect that M. Pierre Carp, a former Rumanian Premier, had advised the King to abdicate.

A Reuter's Amsterdam telegram of Thursday says:—A telegram from Bukharest received here, *via* Berlin, says that since the arrival of the deputations of the Central Powers at Bukharest preliminary discussions of a non-binding character have taken place with General Averescu. In accordance with the arrangement made at these discussions, Count Czernin had an interview on February 27 with King Ferdinand in the part of Rumania which is still occupied by Rumanian troops. In agreement with his Allies, Count Czernin communicated to the King the conditions on which the Central Powers were ready to conclude peace with Rumania.

King Ferdinand requested a short period for consideration, which was granted to him. It will depend on the King's reply whether a peaceful solution will be possible.

KAISER'S DEMAND FOR VICTORY FIRST.

DENOUNCED BY HERR SCHEIDEMANN.

According to a fuller report published in the German Press of Tuesday's Reichstag debate, Herr Scheidemann said:—The attempts to conclude peace in the West, like that with Russia, would be a trial of strength dangerous for Germany, too. The world would go to sleep, rifle on shoulder. The Bolshevik dreams would then be realised, and a world revolution would occur. The military advance against Russia has caused vexation in Austria-Hungary. The majority of the population there is already openly hostile towards us. We have recently heard a speech in which it was said that the world must first recognise we were victorious. Not for a long time have we read anything, the tone of which was so displeasing and the contents so unpolitic. It may be recalled that all parties, including Conservatives, in November, 1908, recommended somewhat more reserve in that quarter. In peace times the effect of every word spoken from an authoritative quarter should be very carefully weighed. It is declared for the part of the people we represent that we do not share the views in that speech, but energetically repudiate them. (Socialist applause.)

Herr Scheidemann's repudiation, evidently refers to the Kaiser's reply, on February 10th, to the address from the Burgomaster of Homburg on the occasion of the conclusion of the peace treaty with the Ukraine, in the course of which he said:—"We desire to live in friendship with neighbouring peoples, but the victory of the German arms must first be recognised."

FUNERAL OF SIR HENRY BLAKE.

The interment of Sir Henry Arthur Blake took place in his garden at Myrtlegrove, Youghal, on Wednesday afternoon. By Lady Blake's desire, the arrangements in connection with the funeral were as simple as possible. The Bishop of Cork, aided by the Rev. R. J. Hodges, M.A., Rector of Youghal, consecrated a small plot of ground, close by St. Mary's Collegiate Church, and at noon on Wednesday the coffin, draped with the Union Jack and the mantle of a Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George, was borne from the house and laid upon the guns beneath the four great yew trees historically associated with the name of Sir Walter Raleigh. Here shortly afterwards the customary Service was read by the Archdeacon of Ross and the Rev. R. J. Hodges.

The coffin was borne by six non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Irish Constabulary, immediately behind which walked Head Constable Talbot, bearing a velvet cushion, upon which were Sir Henry's orders and decorations. Then followed the chief mourners:—Lady Blake, with her son-in-law, Major J. B. Arbuthnot; the Duchess of St. Albans, with Mrs. Arbuthnot and Master T. J. Arbuthnot.

The procession wound its way past the house, and through the old archway in the historic town walls, to a quiet resting place, surrounded by rose trees and Irish yew.

Amongst those present were:—The Hon. Mrs. de la Poer, Mr. Arnold de la Poer, Mrs. Wild, Mrs. Captain Holroyd Smyth, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wood, Dr. C. Ronayne, Dr. C. Orpen, Mr. R. R. Purdon, R.M.; Mr. J. Penrose Fitzgerald (representing Lord Midleton), Major Campbell, Commandant, Youghal; District Inspector Poer O'Shee, Mr. F. D. Carr, Mr. M. A. Cole, Mr. A. Nelson Cole, Lieutenant Weakham, R.M.; C. Weakham, C.B.; and a detachment of the Royal Irish Constabulary, under District Inspector Swanzy.

Wreaths were sent by Mr. A. Blake, Lady Alex. Beauclerk, Lady Harriett Holroyd Smyth, Mr. R. H. Wood, Dr. and Mrs. Orpen, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bagwell, Mr. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. Rochfort, Lady Ardilaun, Mr. and Mrs. J. Poer O'Shee, Mrs. de la Poer, Baroness Prochaska, the Duchess of St. Albans, Miss White, Mrs. Raymond de la Poer, the Earl and Countess of Donoughmore, Miss Edith Musgrave, Masters Terence, Bernard, and Myles Arbuthnot, and Miss Patricia Arbuthnot.

Amongst the large number of telegrams of condolence received by Lady Blake were those from—The Lord Lieutenant and Lady Wimborne, Lady Brassey, Sir David and Lady Harrel, Mrs. Radcliff, Lord Richard and Lady Moyra Cavendish, Mrs. Frazer, Mr. and Mrs. Neville, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Smyth, Baroness d'Orgeval, Miss E. Keane, and Mrs. Adair.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

WAR OFFICE, February 28, 1918.

REGULAR FORCES.—COMMANDS AND STAFF.—General Staff—G.S.O., 3rd Grade—Temp. Capt. R. B. FitzGerald, M.C., Gen. List, from graded as a Staff Capt. Temp. appt. is made—G.O.C.-in-Chief (1st Cl.)—Gen. Sir W. R. Robertson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O. Aide-de-Camp General to the King, 19th February, 1918.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.—Flying Officers (Observers)—Temp. 2nd Lts. (on prob.), Gen. List, and to be confirmed in their rank—Lt. G. F. Fry, R. Ir. Rif., Spec. Res., and to be seconded; 2nd Lt. H. R. Donovan, R.A., and to be seconded; J. C. Sherwin.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.—R.A.M.C.—Temp. Maj. J. J. Abraham, M.D., F.R.C.S., to be acting Lt.-Col. whilst employed as an Asst. Dir. of Med. Servs. Hd.-Qrs. Lines of Communication.

MEMORANDA.—Col. H. M. Grenfell, C.M.G., M.V.O., Res. of Off., is granted the hon. rank of Brig.-Gen. Temp. Lt. is transferred to Gen. List—H. C. S. Grubb, R. Ir. Fus., for duty with Army ...

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.—Reserve Units—R. Ir. Regt.—Capt. J. Marner is seconded for service with Ind. Army in the rank of Lt. (on prob.).

REGULAR FORCES.—R. Muns. Fus.—Temp. Lts., from Serv. Bns., to be temp. Lts. (attd.)—C. M. Morrell, W. R. Green. Service Battalions—R. Muns. Fus.—Temp. 2nd Lt. W. H. Watts to be temp. Lt.

REGULAR FORCES.—Temp. 2nd Lts. (attd.), unless otherwise stated, are transferred to Serv. Bns. with effect from 31st October, 1917:—R. Innis. Fus.—J. F. R. Dartnaghe (from Res. Bn.), J. Lamb (from Res. Bn.), T. H. Moore (from Res. Bn.). R. Ir. Rif.—J. M'Gillion (from Res. Bn.), A. S. Burke-Murphy (from Res. Bn.), J. H. Johnston (from Res. Bn.), R. Mortimer (from Res. Bn.), O. N. E. Nettall (from Res. Bn.), W. Walker (from Res. Bn.), C. Fenton (from Res. Bn.), L. C. E. Griffin (from Res. Bn.). R. Dub. Fus.—W. H. Pearce (from R. Ir. R.), W. Twamley (from Res. Bn.).

HENRY STREET ARBITRATION.

Mr. Arthur Taylor, Local Government Board arbitrator, yesterday resumed the hearing of claims for compensation by owners of property proposed to be taken by the Corporation for the widening of Henry street and Coles lane under the reconstruction scheme.

Mr. Clancy, K.C., M.P., and Mr. White (instructed by Mr. I. Rice) appeared for the Corporation.

Mr. Andrew Stevenson claimed £3,176 in respect of 48 Henry street. The Property Losses Committee had made a grant of £1,600.

Mr. F. Lynch, K.C., and Mr. Vincent Rice (instructed by Mr. Philip Smith), appeared for the claimant, and Mr. M'Elligott, K.C. (instructed by Mr. M. S. Bergin), for the executors of the late John Purcell, the owners.

Mr. James Mackey, quantity surveyor; Mr. Lyons, architect; Mr. J. Evans, C.E. (for the Corporation), and Mr. Derham, Inspector of Dangerous Buildings, were the witnesses.

The claim of Messrs. H. Williams in respect of 45 Henry street was further inquired into, evidence being given by Mr. Evans, C.E., and Mr. W. J. Holden. The latter, who valued on behalf of the Corporation, allowed £585 for the ground taken.

Mr. W. E. Wylie, K.C., and Mr. A. R. Babington, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. J. L. Scallan and Co.) appeared for the applicants.

TELEGRAPHIC DELAY.

Owing to telegraphic delay we are without several of our news features this morning.

According to a Neu Strelitz telegram of Wednesday's date, the Grand Duke Franz of Mecklenburg Schwerin has taken over the government of the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg Strelitz.

IN PALESTINE.

CROSSING THE AUJA.

FINE WORK BY SCOTTISH TROOPS.

The Press Association's special correspondent at Headquarters in Palestine, under date January 21, writes:—

Some four miles north of Jaffa the river Auja runs into the sea. After the Jordan, it is the largest perennial stream in Palestine, and its waters are chiefly responsible for the fertility of the plain of Sharon, which is the richest agricultural region in the Holy Land. It issues almost full-grown from the noble springs at Ras el Ain, the generally accepted site of Herod the Great's Antipatris. It follows a gently winding course to the sea, about fifteen miles distant, as the crow flies. There is a considerable depth of water, and the average breadth is from forty to eighty feet; but when swollen by the winter rains the Auja becomes a big stream, with a swift current, not easily crossed even at fords.

When the impetus of our victorious rush after Gaza carried our line northwards beyond Jaffa, the Turks retired across the river, and established themselves on its northern bank on a position of great natural strength and defensibility. They had plenty of time to dig themselves in, as it was not our policy to over-reach our powers in the question of supply, and we had already advanced over fifty miles from our original line in the course of a fortnight. Consequently the enemy was able to make the most of the natural advantages at his disposal. He dug an extensive system of trenches, and, although he had apparently not the means of wiring them, he sheltered them wherever possible behind cactus hedges, which in some respects are a more difficult proposition than entanglements. He was abundantly provided with machine guns, and, as the left bank of the river is more or less sandy and barren, he had a clear field of fire, which made any attempt to approach even the river exceedingly dangerous. He also disposed of considerable artillery support. What, however, from our standpoint, constituted the chief objection to his being established in these positions was the fact that he was able to shell Jaffa and the roads of approach thereto.

When he began to worry our transport and troops moving in and around Jaffa, it became evident that we should have to oust him from this coign of vantage, and very methodically we set to work to carry out this operation, with the same attention to detail which we had found to give such successful results in our previous fighting. The position was most carefully reconnoitred, and, as it was difficult to get within close range in the daylight, two officers swam the river one night near its mouth, and crawled a considerable distance along the Turkish lines. They discovered a ford, by which they eventually returned, wading through the water up to their armpits. Away to the rear, well out of sight of the enemy, preparations were made for the crossing. The men were exercised in ferrying rafts, in building bridges, and, worst of all, in worming their way through cactus hedges in the dark. Very few people would really enjoy such an experiment even in the daylight. As the night fixed for the attack approached the Turks were treated to nightly bombardments and bursts of machine gun fire, so that they should not think anything unusual was in the wind on the night itself. It was planned to take the fullest possible advantage of the element of surprise, and the attack was, therefore, to be carried out with the bayonet only. Not a rifle shot was to be fired.

A NIGHT ATTACK.

The attack was ordered for the night of Thursday, 20th December. The weather had broken the previous day, and there had been a succession of heavy showers which had swollen the Auja to twice its normal size, and made the ground sodden and heavy. The night itself was pitch black, with low, heavy clouds, and torrential rain at short intervals. It was not an easy matter bringing forward all the material for the rafts and bridges. In one place a battalion of pioneers had to be requisitioned to help make a road a couple of hundred yards through the mud. Nor was it an easy task finding the three allotted places for the crossing in the dark, in spite of guide marks that had been stealthily placed in position. Indeed, at one place at the ford they had been washed away, but an officer went in and found the crossing, by which a whole battalion passed over, the men being in water up to their necks. The current was so strong that they linked arms, four abreast, and everybody got across safely. While the bridges were being put up a number of men were ferried across in rafts, which were towed backwards and forwards by ropes. After the bridges were in position they were covered with blankets and sacking to prevent any sound reaching the enemy. In this they, fortunately, were entirely successful. The surprise was absolute and complete. The awful weather probably contributed to disarm the Turk of any suspicion he might have otherwise entertained. Two officers were found asleep in what might have been intended as a listening post—a post under the shelter of the opposite bank. They offered resistance, and had to be bayoneted, the incident happily not giving rise to any noise. Our men were upon the enemy before he could apprehend what was happening. Quite a number were found asleep in their dug-outs, and awoke to find themselves prisoners. The whole series of trenches facing the river were captured without opposition, although a number of Turks in the trenches had to be bayoneted to prevent their becoming obstreperous. It was only towards daybreak that the enemy to the rear learnt of what was happening, and began shelling one of our crossing places. This position had to be changed, but there was no interruption to the stream of men steadily pouring across. By dawn we had reached all our objectives. And it was now for the first time that our men used their rifles upon some Turks who were seen scampering from a village to the rear. Our men dug themselves in in view of the possibility of a Turkish counter-attack, but there was no fight left in the enemy. He retired from his positions to the rear, and we were able to occupy the villages of Jelil and Arsuf without any trouble.

BRILLIANT SUCCESS.

The operation was in every respect a brilliant success. At a cost of less than a hundred casualties we drove the Turk from strongly-entrenched positions, protected by a river, we took over three hundred prisoners, killed probably nearly as many, and captured a number of machine guns. Our advance delivered Jaffa from the menace of Turkish guns, and has actually deprived him of any point of observation on Jaffa. The whole programme was carried through without a hitch, a remarkable testimony to the efficiency of the training of the men and the thoroughness of the staff work. Finally, it may be said that all the units who participated in the movement were Scottish troops, who have already on several occasions during the Palestine operations distinguished themselves by their gallantry and powers of endurance.

APPEALS TO THE RECORDER.

FITTING THE FINE TO THE OFFENCE.

Yesterday, before the Right Hon. the Recorder in the Courthouse, Green street, Thomas Clancy, 12 and 13 Green street, appealed against the decision of Mr. Drury, Police Magistrate, imposing a fine of £10 for selling two ounces of tea for which he charged 6d., the control price being 3s. 8d. a lb.

Mr. Joseph O'Connor (instructed by Mr. John Moran) appeared for appellant, and Mr. Devitt (instructed by Mr. O'Flaherty, Crown Solicitor) for the prosecution.

Police evidence as before the magistrate having been given, Mr. O'Connor stated that the orders of the Food Controller had not been published in any place where traders could learn of them readily.

The Recorder—There ought to be notifications of these Orders in the daily newspapers.

Mr. Devitt said the information was to be found in the "Food Journal."

The Recorder said the fact that it was not so published was not a defence. In these cases there were other considerations. In his view the principle which underlay our jurisprudence demanded a just and reasonable proportion between the punishment and the offence. The absence of that proportion in the earlier period of our law had been a subject of marked struggle. The contention over excessive bail and fine was familiar to anyone acquainted with our constitutional history, and with the ultimate triumph of good sense and fair play in which it resulted. This was a principle especially to be borne in mind when dealing with regulations which only an overruling necessity had brought into existence, and which would pass away with the necessity which gave rise to them. He was not to be misunderstood. Wilful disregard of regulations framed for the common safety should be dealt with drastically; unintentional or trivial breaches should be dealt with leniently. In other words, fines should be strictly measured by the offence, having regard to its real character and true gravity. Long before the recent legislation giving a universal appeal there was an appeal from magistrates' fines when they exceeded £5, and power to mitigate or entirely dispense. Both he and his predecessor, Sir Frederick Falkiner, had over and over laid down the principle which guided them in dealing with this question, but he thought it necessary to reiterate it. In this case he would reduce the fine to £1 as it was unintentional breach of the Order only.

E. P. Foley, victualler, Lower Fitzgibbon street, appealed against a decision of Mr. Lupton, Police Magistrate, imposing a fine of £10 for having sold eggs for which he charged 8d. for a pound, ... maximum control price at the time being 1s. per lb.

The Recorder reduced the fine to £2.

Mr. O'Connor (instructed by Mr. Corrigan) appeared for the appellant; and Mr. Devitt (instructed by Mr. O'Flaherty, Crown Solicitor) for the Crown.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ORPHANAGE.

The annual charity sermon on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Male Orphanage, Glasnevin, will be preached on Sunday next in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Upper Gardiner street, by the Rev. Patrick Power, S.J. Since the establishment of the Orphanage in 1862, under the patronage of the late Cardinal Cullen, 1,316 orphans have been admitted. The institution is under the management of the Christian Brothers, and its deserving object is the rescue of the orphan boys of the city ... many of whom had been in good circumstances. The new accommodation ... orphans ... and education involved an expenditure of £2,000 per annum, and, while the Society and other sources contribute £2,300, the Committee appeal to the charitable public to make up the balance.

THE STATE OF CLARE.

A NEW MILITARY ORDER.

DRILLING AND WEARING OF UNIFORM PROHIBITED.

Our Reporter telegraphed from Ennis last night:—

The comparative calm which has set in since the arrival of troops continues in Clare. The military authorities have the situation thoroughly in hand, and any sudden display of unrest will be promptly and effectively dealt with. General Sir Bryan Mahon paid a brief visit to Ennis to-day, and conferred with the officers in charge, subsequently returning to Dublin by the afternoon train.

The closer one comes in contact with the real position here the more is one convinced that the action of the authorities was essential. There is no doubt that a carefully-planned scheme had been arranged to render impossible the administration of the law. Part of it has already been disclosed. Whether an attempt will be made to carry out other intentions which are freely talked of will be known before long. In the interests of the public peace it is to be hoped that these nefarious designs will be discontinued, or at least publicly discountenanced by persons to whom the people usually look for guidance.

The arrest of Brennan, the commandant of the Volunteers in Ennis, is regarded in *Sinn Fein* circles as a provocative act; but one hears little about the provocation given to the police and those peaceful people whose property and lives have been wantonly threatened. Brennan was removed this morning by train to Dundalk, his refusal to walk across the platform necessitating the assistance of two burly constables.

Mr. Arthur Griffith and Mr. Milroy are announced to speak this evening. It is understood that the meeting will be allowed to be held, provided that no flags or musical instruments are carried.

From Kilrush a report is to hand of a collision between police and *Sinn Feiners*. It is alleged that stones were thrown, and consequently the police dispersed the crowd with batons. A peculiar incident occurred at New Grove, near Tulla, to-day, at a sale arranged on the lands of Captain Thomas Brady Browne, who travelled from Kildare to be present. The sale was advertised under the Tillage Order. Last year ten acres were tilled by eight local cottiers. Under this year's Order the area was increased to fifteen acres. There were about one hundred people, mainly labourers and farmers, present, in addition to a detachment of soldiers and police, for whose presence the auctioneer disclaimed responsibility. While the labourers who had entered into a three years' agreement last year were willing to take the increased proportion, it was obvious that there was hostility on the part of the farmers against this course. The auctioneer, Mr. McMahon, reminded the farmers that their turn would come when he would soon be offering 250 acres of grazing land. The parties entered into an animated argument, and ultimately the labourers told the auctioneer that they would hold a meeting on Sunday and communicate their decision. One of the labourers swore that if he was to be killed he was going to till the land.

No further attempts to enter and plough lands have been made, and, if they are, it is stated to be the intention of the military to seize the ploughs and horses.

There are indications this evening of a relaxation of some of the restrictions imposed by the presence of the troops. The Town Hall, for instance, has been vacated by the military, and permission has been given for the usual cinema exhibition. The warning to keep off the streets was not repeated by the police to-day.

NEW MILITARY ORDER.

Brigadier-General Gurnett, as the Competent Military Authority for the new area comprised in the County Clare, has issued an Order tonight enforcing certain measures for maintaining law and order, and enforcing certain restrictions for entrance into the County of Clare, and on movements within the more disturbed areas, the prohibition of drilling and the wearing of uniforms, the prohibition of meetings, assemblies, and processions, and the establishment of a censorship over written and printed matter.

This Order will be posted throughout the county to-morrow. The military patrols have been withdrawn from the streets to-night, but the police are on duty. Everything remains quiet.

LAND SEIZING NEAR MULLINGAR.

On Tuesday excitement was caused by a large crowd of men whom the police associate principally with the local *Sinn Fein* clubs. They were accompanied by a number of boys, and had five ploughs. They entered the lands of Rathduff, Ballynacargy, about seven miles from Mullingar, and began to plough. Ploughing had scarcely commenced when Acting Sergeant Greer, Ballynacargy, and three constables arrived, and called on the men to desist, stating that their action was illegal. The men replied that if they were acting illegally they were satisfied to abide the consequences, and continued to plough the lands. On Wednesday a much larger crowd entered the lands, and wholesale ploughing was carried out. About fifty policemen, under charge of the County Inspector and the District Inspector from Mullingar, arrived in motor cars at the scene early in the day. The police were fully armed, but before any action or parley took place an announcement was made that the occupier of the land would be satisfied to let the people have it at £2 an acre. The announcement was received with cheers, and the parties looking for the land expressed agreement to the terms, whereupon the police returned to Mullingar.

A KILDARE CATTLE-DRIVE.

Our Carlow correspondent writes:—On Wednesday night a large number of cattle were driven off the grass lands of Marshallstown and St. John's, Castledermot, County Kildare. The local *Sinn Fein* Volunteers, to the number of 100, marched in military order from Castledermot, and forced the gate on St. John's demesne. The animals were driven to the owner, Miss Archbold, Davidstown, three miles away. Subsequently a raid was made on Marshallstown—in the occupation of Mr. G. Cope—and the cattle were driven for three miles. There were no police on the scene.

HUNGER-STRIKING.

A WORKHOUSE MASTER'S DIFFICULTY.

Our Limerick correspondent writes:—Edward Grace, one of the men who escaped from the Ennis Courthouse when a charge against them was under investigation, was removed from Limerick Prison on Sunday night to the Limerick workhouse hospital, and yesterday it was reported to the Board of Guardians by the Master, Mr. E. Dundon, that Grace wanted to take his discharge on Monday. He (Mr. Dundon) communicated with the prison Governor, who replied that the man was under legal arrest. He then telegraphed to the Local Government Board that Grace was admitted to the workhouse hospital on the order of the Relieving Officer, and asked if he was empowered to permit the warders and police in charge of Grace on the workhouse premises. The reply was in the affirmative. Anticipating his discharge Grace took some food on Tuesday, but took none yesterday. Mr. P. Bourke proposed a resolution that Grace should be discharged, but the Master said that he would not discharge the man. He was bound to carry out the orders of the Board, but they should be legal orders. Eventually the Guardians decided to have the warders and police removed from the workhouse premises. The Master said that he would telegraph to the Local Government Board, and ask if he was to carry out that order. Dr. Humphreys, Resident Medical Officer, said Grace would not be forcibly fed.

Michael Brennan, Irish Volunteer, of Meelick, near Limerick, who was arrested in Ennis on Wednesday night, was taken by the Constabulary from Ennis to Limerick yesterday morning. The prisoner and his escort left by the 11 a.m. train for Dundalk, where Brennan is to be committed for an unexpired term of a previous sentence. He has gone on hunger strike.

The prisoner, John McInerney, who was arrested on a charge of attempting to purchase a military rifle, and who went on hunger-strike in Limerick Jail, is still detained in Barrington's Hospital, to which he was removed. The prisoner takes food as an ordinary patient, and is in custody of special constables detailed for the duty.

HUNGER-STRIKING IN CORK.

Our Cork Correspondent telegraphs:—The men Harnedy and Martin Corry, who are awaiting trial in Cork Male Prison, have gone on a hunger strike. The first-named is charged with exploding a bomb in Drimoleague Police Barrack, and Corry with taking part in a raid on a farmhouse at Glanmire and taking away a sword.

The three Charleville men, Hickey, McCarthy, and Cronin, who had been removed to the South Infirmary, Cork, from prison on a hunger strike, and released from custody under the "Cat and Mouse Act," were discharged from the institution to-day.

ARRESTS IN LIMERICK.

Early yesterday morning a party of Constabulary arrested, at their residences in Limerick, Michael P. Colivet and James McInerney, under the provisions of "The Cat and Mouse Act." They were charged some months since under the Defence of the Realm Act, and were subsequently released, one of the conditions of their discharge being that they should report themselves periodically to the district police authorities. Their failure to do so, it is alleged, was the cause of the accused being re-arrested yesterday. The two men were conveyed under an escort of Constabulary by the early train to Dublin for committal to Mountjoy Prison.

The Spanish Cabinet has resigned. The King has expressed his confidence in the Marquis Alhucemas.

PARLIAMENT.

FOOD PRICES.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS.

HOUSE OF LORDS—Thursday.

The LORD CHANCELLOR took his seat on the Woolsack at 4.15.

The LORD CHANCELLOR moved the second reading of the Income Tax Bill, a measure designed to consolidate the Statutes relating to income tax as existing on April 5 last.

The bill was read a second time, and referred to a Joint Committee of both Houses.

The adjourned debate on Viscount Chaplin's resolution affirming that the Food Controller was largely responsible for the shortage of meat, and that the powers vested in his department relating to food production should be transferred to the Board of Agriculture, was resumed.

Lord BERESFORD asserted that enormous confusion had been caused by reason of persons in the Ministry of Food being guilty of ignorant interference in matters about which they knew nothing. The shipping position was the basis of the whole shortage. It must be getting serious when a man like Mr. Barnes got up in the House of Commons and called attention to it. He was told that since the 12½ per cent. bonus had been granted to munition workers work in the shipyards had gone back. What was wanted was better administration.

LORD DEVONPORT.

Lord DEVONPORT, whose opening remarks were imperfectly heard, said that he had not intended to intervene in the debate, but some observations of Lord Rhondda in regard to the fixing of cattle prices before he assumed office compelled him to explain his own action. In fixing prices for home-reared supplies of meat for Army consumption he was guided by a very competent committee. He always intended that the same prices should apply to meat for civilian consumption. But before that was done he deemed it necessary that a corresponding scale should be fixed for retail sales. He left office before that could be done. Lord Rhondda claimed that he had reduced the cost of living by eight per cent., but he asked the noble lord whether that eight per cent. did not include the artificially subsidised loaf. He did not think that the noble lord was entitled to claim that it was his efforts alone that had prevented prices soaring higher.

LORD MILNER.

Lord MILNER said he thought that an enormous superstructure of criticism and disapproval had been founded upon a very slight foundation of fact. Lord Rhondda took no special credit to himself when he said that prices would have been much higher but for the action of the Government in fixing prices. He (Lord Milner) deprecated any attempt to fix blame on the Food Controller personally. They should not forget that, after three and a half years of war, this country was in a far better position than any other belligerent, except the United States. Two points had been raised in the debate—one, as to the wisdom or unwisdom of the policy of fixing prices, and another, as to the amount of judgment that had been shown as regarded the prices actually fixed. He would not dwell on the first point, because it was almost generally admitted that fixing of prices was necessary. A number of causes besides lack of ships had contributed concurrently to the difficulty of obtaining supplies from overseas. There were difficulties of transportation on the other side. Our difficulties with regard to shipping were very much exaggerated. If the present shortage of certain articles for which we were dependent on foreign countries were attributed entirely to lack of shipping, it was one of the causes, but it was not at the present moment the most potent cause. There were other causes due to difficulties of transportation. The shortage was not due to any hesitation or failure on the part of the Government in attempting to get supplies. He personally accepted full responsibility for the cattle prices fixed last year. He heard the arguments of the Food Controller and of the agriculturists, and, in fixing the prices, subject to the approval of the Cabinet, he thought he rather favoured the agriculturists. If he committed an error, it was certainly not such an error as would justify acceptance of Lord Chaplin's motion. He had it on high authority that his error, if any, only affected two weeks' supply. Therefore it could not account for the present shortage. A reduction of our stock was inevitable, because of the lack of feeding stuffs. If we had chosen not to protect our Empire, there would have been no shortage in this country. Everything except what was necessary for the war would have to give way to food importation. It would be very unjust for the House to pass a motion attributing the shortage to errors in official quarters, because it would be totally untrue. The Government could not accept the motion, and he hoped it would be withdrawn.

The Earl of SELBORNE said he entirely agreed that prices had to be fixed. His criticism of the Government was that perfectly gratuitously they had ignored the advice of the Department of Agriculture, and had fixed prices which could only result in reducing our food supply. He did not agree with Lord Milner as to the small extent of the error, because the effects of it were cumulative. Lord Rhondda's speeches had also frightened small farmers.

Viscount CHAPLIN said that, in view of the frank and conciliatory speech of Lord Milner, he would not press his motion to a division.

The motion was withdrawn, and the House adjourned at 8.5 p.m. until Tuesday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Thursday.

The SPEAKER took the chair at a quarter to three o'clock.

REORGANISATION OF FOREIGN SERVICES.

Lord ROBERT CECIL informed Mr. Ponsonby that proposals in the direction of the reconstitution and reorganisation of the Foreign Services in the light of the recommendation of the Royal Commission had been made, and were under discussion by the Treasury. He could not give a pledge that the House would have an opportunity of discussing the proposals before they were adopted, but he was anxious to see the reforms put through at the earliest moment. The question of commercial representatives was also being dealt with.

M. LITVINOFF'S ACTIVITY.

Sir GEORGE CAVE, replying to Mr. Pemberton Billing and Major Hunt, stated that M. Litvinoff was, so far as he was aware, of Russian nationality, and that the passport which he used to come to this country was issued by the authority of the previous Russian Government. He was not aware that aliens from Italy were being allowed passports to come into, and stay in, this country. If particulars were furnished to him he would make inquiries. He was aware of the activities of M. Litvinoff, and certainly that gentleman would not be allowed to circulate literature in contravention of the law.

Major HUNT—Is not this man circulating this kind of literature in this country, and cannot the right hon. gentleman take prompt steps to prevent this going on, and not allow him to stop in the country at all?

Sir GEORGE CAVE replied that that was a matter for debate.

Mr. BILLING—Is the right hon. gentleman not aware that revolutionary literature has been issued by this man already, and does he not propose to prosecute on that account? While the right hon. gentleman is considering, the Government and the country stand on the edge of a volcano.

Sir GEORGE CAVE—It is not a question of considering. I know exactly what I am going to do, and why I am going to do it. (Cheers.) It is not desirable to discuss the matter across the floor of the House.

Major HUNT—I hope the right hon. gentleman will look sharp about it. (Laughter.)

SUGAR AND CONFECTIONERY.

Mr. CLYNES informed Mr. Marriott that the Government propose to rearrange the distribution of sugar, with a view to people whose business was solely that of retailing sweets and confectionery having an opportunity of retaining their business, and not being completely pushed out.

THE PRICE OF FISH.

Mr. CLYNES informed Mr. Peto that the question of reducing the controlled maximum price of fish during the summer months was under consideration.

IMPORTANCE OF THE PIG.

Replying to Sir Clement Kinloch-Cooke, who asked if steps were to be taken to prevent the disappearance of the pig as an article of food.

Mr. PROTHERO said that the shortage of concentrated feeding stuffs ruled the situation. The Board, in consultation with the Pig Breeding Association, had framed a scheme for the preservation of all sows suitable for breeding, the allocation to them of a proportion of available meal and cake, the utilisation of food not available for human consumption, and the multiplication of pigs on allotments. Questions relating to the prices of pig meat and of store pigs were unsettled, and prevented him from giving a more detailed answer.

Sir C. KINLOCH-COOKE—Did not the right hon. gentleman in his speech yesterday advise people to keep pigs?

Mr. PROTHERO—Certainly, I did, and I do. It depends upon the mode in which they are fed. The provision of the particular class of food desirable is beyond the control of my department, or that of any particular department.

THE EASTER BANK HOLIDAY.

Mr. STANLEY BALDWIN, in reply to Mr. Gilbert, said that it was not proposed to disturb the ordinary arrangements in regard to the Easter Bank Holidays generally, but special arrangements might have to be made in regard to particular establishments in which work was being done for the Government.

BANK AMALGAMATIONS.

Mr. BONAR LAW, replying to Mr. Stewart, said that the Committee to inquire into the question of bank amalgamations would be appointed as soon as he had received replies from all those whom he had asked to serve. Lord Colwyn had consented to act as Chairman. He did not feel that he should be justified in giving his approval to the amalgamation between the London City and Midland Bank and the London Joint Stock Bank before receiving the report of the Committee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Mr. BONAR LAW announced the following business for next week:—Monday, Navy and Army Supplementary Estimates (Report); Intermediate Education for Ireland (Report); Oversea Trade Department (Report); and Trustee Savings Bank Bill (Committee). Tuesday—Navy Estimates; Wednesday, Navy Estimates (A and B); Thursday, Vote of Credit.

VOTE ON ACCOUNT.

On the report of the Vote on Account,

Mr. WHITEHOUSE moved a reduction in the salary of the Home Secretary, in order to raise the question of the treatment of conscientious objectors at the Works Settlement, Dartmoor. He urged that no proper medical arrangements existed to detect cases of serious illness, and said that a man named Firth, who died a few days ago, suffered for some time from a mortal disease, and his condition was only discovered a few hours before his death. There were, he alleged, grave irregularities at the inquest, and he asked for an inquiry into the case. He had a list of about 30 conscientious objectors who had developed insanity while in prison, and he asked that special attention should be given to cases of such a character.

Mr. KING said he thought that there should be an independent inquiry into the strike of conscientious objectors at Dartmoor, and into the deaths which took place at Shrewsbury Prison. Increased severity, he said, was growing in the treatment of conscientious objectors.

Mr. RAMSAY MACDONALD asked if the Home Secretary was really satisfied with the way in which conscientious objectors were being treated. He thought it was time to review the whole situation from the point of view of using the services of conscientious objectors to the best effect. He criticised the replies to questions given by the Home Secretary about M. Litvinoff, the Bolshevist representative in this country, and the attitude taken up towards M. Kameneff, who recently arrived here from Russia.

Mr. BILLING said he regretted the growth of Bolshevism among Labour leaders in this country.

Mr. J. H. THOMAS said he did not think that there was any ground for the suggestion that Labour unrest in this country was due to the spread of Bolshevist principles. The causes of discontent were more deep-rooted, and it was not "bloody revolution," but a peaceful revolution at the ballot boxes that Labour was concerned about. He asked for a reconsideration of the whole position as to the treatment of conscientious objectors.

Sir GEORGE CAVE said that there had been over 5,000 conscientious objectors in prison from time to time, and the total number of deaths in prison had been only two. Both of the men died of sudden and severe attacks of pneumonia, and in both cases a verdict of death from natural causes was returned, the jury acquitting the prison doctors and authorities of any neglect.

(Left Sitting.)

SPECIAL EXTRA.

ALSACE-LORRAINE.

Forty-seven years ago, on March 1st, 1871, says *The Times*, the National Assembly at Bordeaux sanctioned the treaty which tore Alsace and Lorraine from France, and annexed them to Germany. To-day the protest which the delegates of the two provinces made against the crime of triumphant "militarism," in transferring their native districts from an allegiance they loved to an allegiance they abhorred, will be read by direction of the Government in all the churches and schools of the Republic. Few utterances more moving are to be found in history. The Deputies looked upon this annexation by conquest, effected against the known will of the population, exactly as the democracies of the world look upon such deeds to-day. They proclaimed it to be "null and void," and from that attitude towards it the people of Alsace-Lorraine have never wavered. They have kept the pledge then given in their name in anguish, but in hope. It promised that they would cherish unabated the love of children for a mother towards the France then banished from their hearts, "until the day when she should return to take her place there again." For almost fifty years they have kept faith. At last they are looking forward with confidence for their reward. Are they to look for it in vain? The German Chancellor declares, with a stamp of his foot, that they are. "There is," he says, "no Alsace-Lorraine question in an international sense." Germany will never in any form make any concessions on that matter. That is the "militarist" view. The leaders of the democracies, and the democracies themselves, give another answer. The Germans know quite well that they hold the lost provinces of France by no title but that of the sword. The Prussians themselves bore witness to the rooted love of the Alsatians for France, so long ago as the Congress of Utrecht, when they described the inhabitants as "more French than the Parisians," and stated that they always hastened to resist German efforts to cross the Rhine. They "worshipped" the King of France, and nothing could mean their hearts from him but "a chain of two hundred years." As it was in the eighteenth century, so it is to-day. Alsace-Lorraine is looking forward to a like deliverance after nearly fifty years of divorce and of subjection. Surely the free peoples of the world will see that she attains it? That, at least, is an achievement which they owe to their dearest principles, and to their noblest hopes.

PROVINCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Traveller's Body Found.—The body of Mr. Richard Murphy, the South of Ireland representative for Messrs. Power's Distillery, was found yesterday in Wexford Harbour.

Seven Sons in the Army.—An old couple named Carroll applied to Mountmellick Guardians for outdoor relief. They had seven sons in the Army (two killed), and were receiving a dependants' allowance of 4s. 6d. from the War Office. The Guardians allowed 5s. a week.

Oats Destroyed by Fire.—Three ricks of oats, valued at £200, the property of Mr. Michael Fennelly, Stoneyford, near Thomastown, were destroyed by fire on the lands of Mr. Mark Bradley, Gurteenan, by whom the lands had been let to Mr. Fennelly for con-acre. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Teachers' Grievances.—On the motion of Mr. Greene, the Waterford County Council adopted resolutions protesting against the starvation of Irish primary education, and calling for the grant to be increased to £780,000; also advocating the setting up of committees to consider the question of primary education, and condemning the methods for the allocation of the Duke grant.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

Organ Recital at Bray.—A most successful organ recital was given on last Monday evening at Christ Church, Bray, before a large congregation, by Rev. E. Arthur Oulton, assisted by Mrs. Shine and Mr. Ottwell Campbell as solo vocalists. A couple of appropriate anthems were also rendered by the choir.

British Empire Shakespeare Society.—Mr. J. J. Rossiter had consented to deliver a lecture to the Dublin Branch of the British Empire Shakespeare Society, last night, on "Shakespearean Actors and Critics," but was, unfortunately, prevented by illness from fulfilling his engagement. The meeting, however, was held at the Little Theatre, 40 Upper Sackville street, Dr. ... speaking, from short notice, on "The Tempest," the play which the Society have decided to produce at its opular performance in the middle of June. At the close of the address songs were rendered by Miss Emily Butler and Miss Donagh Keating; recitations were given by Miss Mary O'Lea and Miss Dorothy Casey; while the "Quarrel Scene" from "Julius Cæsar" was rendered in French by Mr. W. J. Cairns as Brutus and Mr. W. J. Neale as Cassius.

Christian Brothers' Past Pupils.—A meeting of the Christian Brothers' Past Pupils' Union was held in the Rooms, Rutland square, Dublin, last night, when the annual report was read. Since August last the membership had increased, and the financial returns for the year were described as gratifying. The new features of the Union included a football club, refreshment buffet, medical aid and employment bureau, Irish class, pastime, organiser, finance, and amusements committees. Alderman Corrigan, who presided, congratulated the Union on the success which had attended the Society during the year. The past pupils found in the Union a great opportunity for recreation and social and intellectual advancement, and they were all gratified to know that the Union continued to expand and flourish. Officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Red Cross Concert.—There was a crowded attendance in the Gregg Hall, Dawson street, last night, when a concert was held in aid of the British Red Cross Society and St. John Ambulance Association. The programme, which was of a varied description, was so much enjoyed that encores were demanded to each item. The entertainment opened with a first aid tableau by members of the Dawson street Gymnastic Club, and later in the evening a tableau was staged by members of the Ladies' Gymnastic Club. Dances were given by Miss Archer, and a mandoline selection by Withers and Walsh. Miss Florence Howley and Miss Lily Christie, both popular vocalists, sang several songs; and Mr. Arthur Lucas and Mr. Irvine Lynch also contributed songs. Miss B. Cristol caused much amusement by her character song, "Mrs. Muldoon at Finnegan's Ball," and the humorous songs of Mr. Arthur Jackson were much enjoyed, "A Regular Royal Queen," from "The Gondoliers," was sung by Miss Cristol, Miss Howley, Mr. Lucas and Mr. Lynch. The programme concluded with the sketch, "When Peace Comes," in which the parts were taken by Miss C. Wood and Miss M. Strahan. Mr. Lennox Braid was at the pianoforte, and the concert was arranged by Miss A. I. Love and Mr. R. H. Commins.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Last night's casualty lists show the following losses:—Officers—Dead, 41; wounded or missing, 16. Rank and File—Dead, 257; wounded or missing, 399.

KILLED.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

BRERETON, Sec. Lt. F. R. | BANKES, Lt. W.
GUAIL, Sec. Lt. N. G. | STRACHAN, Capt. W. S.

OTHER REGIMENTS.

BROADBENT, Capt. R., Royal Flying Corps.
CRAY, Capt. ..., Infantry.
HOMERSHAM, Lt. ..., London R., attd. M.G.C.
WILMOT, Sec. Lt. R. D., King's Royal Rifle Corps.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

HORSFALL, Sec. Lt. C., Worcestershire Regiment.

WOUNDED.

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

JUDSON, Sec. Lt. H. P. | ROYSTAN, Sec. Lt. N. C.
MARSHALL, Capt. T. R. G. | WILLIS, Lt. R. N.

OTHER REGIMENTS.

ADKINS, Lt. R. E. W., Black Watch.
BAUGH, ..., Yorkshire Regiment.
BRENNAN, ..., Lancashire Fusiliers.
CLOUGH, Sec. Lt. F. F., West Yorkshire Regiment.
CORKE, Sec. Lt. W. F., King's Royal Rifle Corps.
PRESCOTT, Sec. Lt. E., Royal Field Artillery.
STEVENSON, Lt. L. E., M.C., Royal Garrison Artillery.
WOODS, Sec. Lt. ..., R. ...
WESTWOOD, Sec. Lt. ..., L.N. Lancashire Regt.

MISSING.

JACKSON, Lt. G. G., Royal Flying Corps.
M'KEOWN, Sec. Lt. C. J. W., Royal Flying Corps.

INDIAN FORCES.

DIED.—TINLEY, Col. G. F. N., C.B., C.M.G., I.A.
ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.—Peckham, Capt. A. N., I.A.R.O., attd. Infantry.

ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION.

WOUNDED.

CLUNEY, Sub-Lt. A. E., Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

NOW REPORTED WOUNDED AND PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS.

BENNETT, Sub-Lt. T. H., Royal Naval Volunteer Res.

OTHER RANKS.

IRISHMEN AND MEN IN IRISH REGIMENTS ONLY.

All are PRIVATES except where otherwise shown. The town shown against each soldier's name is the home of his next-of-kin, except when followed by the abbreviation, "Enl.," when it is his place of enlistment.

NOW REPORTED KILLED.

R.D. FUSILIERS—Quinlan, 27778 J. (Belfast).

NOW REPORTED BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT—KILLED OR DIED OF WOUNDS.

R. MUNSTER FUS.—Hogan, 9683 D. (Cork); Moffatt 7925 L.-Cpl. J. (Tralee).

WOUNDED.

CONN. RANG.—M'Nicholas, 1974 W. (Killimagh). LEINSTER R.—M'Colgan, 2486 F. (Belfast, enl.). R. MUNSTER F.—Devitt, 1550 M. (Milltown-Malbay). CHESHIRE R.—Kelly, 29603 T. W. (Cootehill).

PRICE OF PIGS.

BACON-CURERS CALL FOR INCREASE.

At a largely-attended meeting of the South of Ireland Bacon Curers' Association, held yesterday, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

That we strongly urge the necessity of making a substantial advance in the price of pigs, as a continuance of present price is calculated further very considerably to reduce the already so much depleted supply of pigs in Ireland.

PIGS DETAINED AT HOLYHEAD.

With reference to the holding up of 800 pigs shipped from Ireland to Holyhead, it was ascertained yesterday that the object of the Food Controller, by whose direction the pigs were detained, was to ascertain whether a higher price had been paid for them than the maximum price fixed under the Food Controller's Order. Suspicion with regard to this point was aroused owing to the attitude adopted by the dealers towards an agent of the Irish Food Control Committee at Roscommon fair, which he visited on inspection duty. Their demeanour became so threatening that he left the fair and went to another district. Information was subsequently obtained by the Irish Food Control Committee that pigs purchased at the fair and elsewhere were being consigned to pork curers in England, and a report to that effect was conveyed to the Food Controller in London. He telegraphed directing that the pigs on their arrival at Holyhead should be detained pending the obtaining of information with regard to the price at which they were purchased. Should the information show that the price paid for the pigs was higher than that fixed by the Controller, proceedings will, no doubt, be taken against the curers for whom they were purchased, and their licences may be cancelled, while their agents in Ireland, who purchased the pigs, may also have their licences withdrawn.

PROTECTING CATTLE FOR SHIPMENT.

Yesterday extraordinary precautions were adopted by the Dublin Metropolitan Police to prevent any recurrence of *Sinn Fein* efforts to prevent the shipment of pigs or other live stock proceeding from the Metropolitan Market to steamers in the Liffey. From the market gates on the North Circular road to the North Wall and at points leading to the South side shipping quays strong bodies of police were stationed. Dorset street, Russell street, and other roads leading to the vicinity of the impromptu slaughter-house of last week were strongly guarded. English buyers, who returned to the port earlier than usual from the market, stated that they had "stood down" and refrained from purchasing until they had made sure that local and other Irish requirements had been supplied. Through deferring purchases in this way they were afraid that it would be next to impossible to obtain ship room for their lots by last night's sailings. This view may have been correct on one or two routes, but conditions at others gave no such indication up to the evening. Apart from Thursday exports of live stock, there was a considerable volume of business by ships taking consignments of dead meat carcases away from the port yesterday and last evening, but no interference with any such traffic was reported.

It was interesting to note that the exportation of Irish milch goats is increasing, and that about half a hundred animals of this description have been shipped from Dublin within about a week past. Others are stated to form items in exports from other Irish ports.

At Derry Sessions yesterday Mr. O'Sullivan, merchant, Strand road, was fined £21 for exceeding the Controller's price on three occasions on the sale of bacon, and £1 for not marking the bacon as home or imported.

During the past week in County Tyrone large numbers of pigs have been purchased in anticipation of the recent Order regarding the registration of carers. It is expected that there will be a serious shortage at the forthcoming fairs.

MAXIMUM FOOD PRICES.

The Food Control Committee for Ireland have issued a list of maximum prices of all the chief articles of food. The list takes the form of a pamphlet, which may be obtained for a penny at Ponsonby's, Ltd., Grafton street, Dublin. It is liable to revision as circumstances may render necessary.

ARE THE GERMANS SUPERSTITIOUS?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—I notice in your issue of the 26th inst. concerning the coming German offensive, that the *Matin* has observed that the German offensives have always been carried out by the aid of moonlight. I wonder whether the Germans still preserve the superstition of their ancestors? Cæsar writes in his "Gallic War" (Bk. I.) that the German matrons practised divination by lots, and foretold whether it was profitable that a battle should be engaged in or not. They declared that "*Non esse fas Germanos superare si ante novam lunam proelio contendissent*"—"it was not the will of Heaven that the Germans should win the day if they fought before the new moon."

Perhaps, our enemies may be acquainted with this passage, and may be superstitious enough to follow it still.—Yours, etc.,

EMMA COSTELLO.

Intermediate School, Tullamore,
February 27th, 1918.

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A Paris telegram states that the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday adopted a bill authorising 110 million francs for the chartering by the French Government of the German ships interned in Brazil.

BANK OF IRELAND LADY CLERKSHIPS.—Candidates should note that Pupils of Rosse College, Stephen's Green, Dublin, gained 16 Appointments at the last 4 examinations, including 1st Place at the last examination.—(Advt.)

ADELAIDE HOSPITAL.

The Managing Committee met on Tuesday, E. A. Trouton presiding. Also present:—W. E. Bewley, R. Hinde, H. Law, M.D.; Capt. B. Wade Thompson, J. H. Garratt, G. Peacocke, M.D.; Col. Pepper, C. Pim, H. Bewley, M.D.

The usual routine business was transacted, and the books were signed. Cheques amounting to £1,750 11/3 were drawn in payment of accounts, leaving the account £1,900 15/4 overdrawn. The number of patients remaining in Hospital on 20th February was 139, including 30 soldiers, and in the Convalescent Home, Rathfarnham, 16 soldiers.

The Committee gratefully acknowledge the following subscriptions, etc., received:—[illegible]

The Matron wishes to thank the following for their kind gifts:—[illegible]

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the congregation of Ormond quay Church, Dublin, was held on the evening of the 20th inst. The Rev. Fred. C. Gibson, B.A., presided, and in his opening remarks referred to the prolonged illness of Dr. Frazer, which had made it impossible for him to be with them throughout the year. [illegible]

The St. John Ambulance Brigade Dublin Division will parade in Clontarf Presbyterian Church on Sunday next at 11.30 a.m. The offertories at this and also at the 6 o'clock Service will be devoted to the *Irish Times* Red Cross Fund. This will be the third Church Parade and collection made in this church for Red Cross work since the war began.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.

POSITION OF THE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway was held yesterday at the offices, Westland row, Dublin, for the purpose of receiving the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1917, and to elect a director.

Mr. Frederick Brooke, D.L., Chairman of the Board of Directors, occupied the chair. Other shareholders present:—Sir Thomas Esmonde, M.P.; Mr. H. G. [illegible], Mr. F. W. Pim, Mr. R. W. Booth, and Mr. J. MacVeagh, M.P. Mr. R. D. Grimm, Secretary, was also present.

The Chairman, moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts (which has already been published), referred to the death of Mr. James Pim and Captain Tighe, who had been directors for over twenty years. Mr. J. MacVeagh, M.P., who had rendered the company considerable assistance, was co-opted for one of the vacancies on the Board. They regretted the retirement of Mr. Fredk. W. Pim from the chair, after a service of twenty years as chairman. One of the most pressing matters to be settled at once was Lloyd's bonds. These bonds had been issued to cover the expenses of the diversion railways, etc., including the tunnel, and he was sure all of them who had travelled over those portions of the line would agree with him that a great improvement has resulted by reason of this expenditure. (Hear, hear.) The line would probably have been unworkable by this time but for these diversions, owing to the rapid encroachments of the sea. These bonds, varying in amount, and issued for different periods, matured from time to time, and were either renewed by the holders or taken up by others. During the last year, however, as certain of the bonds fell due, the holders wished for payment, and the directors made an application to the Chief Secretary for financial assistance. The Government, on the facts being laid before them, agreed to advance the amount required, and with the funds thus provided the holders of the bonds were paid off; thus the Treasury was already the creditor of the company in lieu of the bonds already matured, and would be so for the remainder as they matured later on. This matter having been satisfactorily settled, they had next to take up the question of diverting the line inland from Greystones to Wicklow. A free grant of £10,000 was at once made to assist the company in keeping the line where it was for the present. Mr. Moore, their Chief Engineer at once started work on the foreshore in accordance with the advice given by Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice, and since the end of July up to the 4th of this month 5,341 tons of large stones and 4,754 tons of concrete blocks have been placed on the portion of the line most likely to be cut, should any heavy gale occur. The Chief Secretary inspected the line from Greystones to Wicklow on the 29th August. It was acknowledged on all sides that the diversion of the line inland from Greystones to Wicklow was an absolute necessity. (Hear, hear.) The directors confidently trusted that adequate assistance would be rendered by the Treasury, without which they did not see how the proposed diversion could be carried out. The directors were under great obligations to Mr. John Redmond and the Irish members, and others, for their kindness in joining the deputations to the Chief Secretary, and urging on the Government the importance of the proposed works from a national as well as a domestic aspect. (Applause.)

THE STATE AND THE RAILWAYS.

The taking over of the Irish railways by the State had not placed this company, or, indeed, any of the Irish railways, on a bed of roses as regards maintaining and renewing the company's property. No terms of Government control can relieve the directors of the worrying responsibilities which the shortage of material throughout the Kingdom was causing. The control of the railways by the State was adopted as a national necessity in the present time of stress, rather than as a means of benefiting the shareholders and others financially interested in railway companies. The directors had taken what, he was sure, they would agree was the wise and proper course, of increasing the general reserve fund from £4,100 to £10,000, in order that when the day arrived that materials required for maintenance could be obtained they should not be found wanting in funds to purchase them, and that policy they intended to pursue. (Hear, hear.)

There was a very large increase in their wages in every department. These increases come under the head of "War Wages" and "War Bonus." They had been granted by order of the Government to meet the increased cost of living. (Hear, hear.) Only for the Government bearing this large amount, between £40,000 and £50,000, it is obvious that this company could not possibly meet such a demand on them now or in the future. (Hear, hear.) This matter was engaging the attention of all the railway companies of England and Ireland, and the Railway Companies' Association had the matter in hand, so the shareholders may feel confident that everything was being done to protect their interests. (Hear, hear.)

The directors and General Manager regretted the trouble and inconvenience which has been caused to the season ticket holders and others of the travelling public by the constant examination of tickets; but when he told them that they had detected during the last six months 16,300 passengers travelling irregularly, and had collected close on £1,700, they would agree with the Board that they would not have been doing their duty to the shareholders if they had not taken strong measures to try and curtail what some people called "illegal travelling," but what he called premeditated dishonesty, with intent to defraud. (Applause.) The latter being one of the hardest matters to prove, although outside legal technicalities, it was perfectly obvious. (Hear, hear.) They intended to continue in the course they were now pursuing, in justice to the shareholders of the company, and in the hopes that they may in time not only touch the pockets, but the consciences of those who are trying to defraud the company. (Applause.)

Mr. Burgess seconded the motion for the adoption of the report.

Mr. J. J. Maguire said the Ordinary shareholders were disappointed at not receiving a dividend. He alluded to the enormous wages bill, and complained that war bonuses had been converted by the Government into permanent wages. If that high rate were continued after the war no railway company could pay it and also pay a dividend. He hoped the directors would come to some satisfactory arrangement with the Government on that as well as upon other subjects.

Mr. F. W. Crossley resented the sentiments expressed by Mr. Maguire as to the wages of the workingmen. He did not think that anyone who enjoyed an unearned income should object to the little dole given to railwaymen. (Hear, hear.) The old order of things had passed away, and no one dreamed that railways would ever again revert to private ownership and control. The statements made by Mr. Maguire at the meeting of the Midland Great Western Company had created a great deal of trouble between the railway companies and the men. The Irish railwaymen looked to the future with hope and confidence that all classes of Irishmen would stand together in the regeneration of their country.

Mr. C. J. Reddy said he thought that the dividend on the Ordinary Shares should be paid by the Government, as the Government had taken control of the railway. He objected to the system of co-option of directors, and to the use of proxies by directors in their own interest. He also thought that this was not the time to promote Parliamentary bills, especially when there was a prospect of being in a position to deal with them in a Parliament in Dublin. He wanted to know the attendance of the directors at meetings, and their individual remuneration.

Mr. R. J. Kelly, K.C., said he thought it would only be fair that the Government should enable them to pay the dividend of 1913.

Mr. Wm. Ireland deprecated the remarks about co-option. The Chairman had not been co-opted, but appointed, and the appointment was a good one. (Hear, hear.) He noticed that an improvement had been made in the working of the line, and that better time was being kept with the trains. He believed that the diversion of the line would not injure Greystones. He believed the directors had done all they could to get the most out of the Government. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Bantry White and Mr. W. A. Higginbotham having spoken,

The Chairman, replying to the questioners, said there was nothing under the control which authorised them to pay a dividend, nor did the Government guarantee it. The Government merely guaranteed the receipts for 1913. In 1913 they had just commenced the diversion of the line, and the interest on the Lloyd's bonds was then £2,800 in the year. They carried forward in 1912, £10,000. In 1917 they had finished their diversions, and the interest to the Government, and on Lloyd's bonds, was now £9,800, instead of £2,800, and instead of a carry over of £10,000 in 1916, they had a carry over of £4,000. So that they had not much chance of paying a dividend. His own idea was that no property was worth having unless it was kept in proper order. (Hear, hear.) When they paid a dividend on the Ordinary shares it would be continual, and not spasmodic, and he hoped that would soon commence. (Hear, hear.)

The motion for the adoption of the report was passed unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Booth, the Preference dividends required by the laws of the company were ordered to be paid.

Mr. Powell suggested that the checkers who detected the fraudulent travellers should be recognised.

The Chairman said that would be considered.

THE CONVENTION.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Pim, it was resolved that the Board of Directors should consist of six instead of eight. The two who had lapsed by death were Mr. Lawrence Malone and Capt. Tighe. In submitting this motion the Chairman said that a small Board was, as a rule, more effective than a large one. The business was better done. They had now got a Board that knew the details of the company's business, and his experience was that they would get on very well with the reduced Board. The National Convention was a case in point. If the Convention had consisted of sixteen members instead of 96, the country would have had some result long ago; but with muddling and fuddling, they did not know where they were. (Applause.)

On the motion of Mr. Pim, seconded by Mr. J. L. Scallan, Mr. Brooke was re-elected a director. Mr. Marcus Goodbody was re-appointed auditor. The proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks to the directors and officials, on the motion of Mr. Ireland, seconded by Mr. R. J. Kelly.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

At an Investiture held at Buckingham Palace on 27th February the King invested Mr. William Geoghegan, solicitor, Dublin, with the insignia of the Order of the British Empire. Mr. Geoghegan took an active part in joining the Red Cross and St. John detachments immediately upon the outbreak of the war, and engaged with success in recruiting for the Military Home Hospital Reserve. He is county director for the City of Dublin, and a member of the Joint V.A.D. Committee, as well as being engaged in many other Red Cross activities in the city.

Fashionable Intelligence

The Earl of Granard returned to Ely House, Dublin, at the beginning of the week.

The Countess of Drogheda, who is in London, intends to take her Aircraft Exhibition to America to raise funds for disabled airmen.

Lord and Lady Castletown are staying at Queenstown, having let Doneraile Court for the winter.

Lady Diana Manners, who was at Bournemouth for three weeks, is now quite recovered, and has returned to London.

Sir Charles Barrington arrived in Dublin on Wednesday from Limerick.

Surgeon McArdle has left town for one week.

M. J. MacAuliffe, M.D., J.P., has left Thornberry Manor, Ennis, for Kenilworth Park.

Mr. and Mrs. H. MacDermot have changed their residence from 32 Fitzwilliam place to Dunsinea House, Ashtown.

Miss Crowley has removed to 45 Dawson street.

Mr. Switzer has left 88 Grafton street for Paris.

Horse Jumping Fête.—A meeting of the Dance Committee in aid of the great Horse Jumping Fête was held on Monday at 33 Molesworth street, Dublin. Present:—The Hon. Mrs. J. Barry (in the chair), Viscountess Gormanston, Lady Milbanke, Mrs. Gaisford St. Lawrence, Mrs. Hignett, Mrs. Owen Lewis, Mrs. M. Murphy, Mrs. G. S. Caldecott and Mr. E. L. O'Brien, Hon. Secs. The Secretary announced that the Committee now included the following ladies and gentlemen:—The Marchioness of Headfort, the Marchioness of Anglesey, the Countess of Huntingdon, the Countess of Granard, Viscountess Gormanston, Viscountess Powerscourt, the Lady Decies, Hon. Mrs. J. Barry, Hon. Mrs. R. Dewhurst, Lady Milbanke, Lady Arnott, D.B.E.; Lady Campbell, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. R. Cryan, Mrs. Gaisford St. Lawrence, Mrs. H. Greer, Mrs. Hignett, Mrs. More O'Ferrall, Mrs. M. Murphy, Mrs. Owen Lewis, Mrs. J. S. Russell, Mrs. Dallas Pratt, Mrs. C. Waters, Mr. J. S. Russell. Clarke-Barry's Band was engaged, and the final arrangements for the first dance of the series were made.

Just Received—New Golf Coats and Blouses at Switzer's Blouse Department.

New Goods in all Departments.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South George's street. Coat Frock in Wine-Coloured Stockinette, with jumper effect in putty, for 6½ guineas, at Slyne's, 71 Grafton street.

Fresh Consignment of New Silks showing to-day at McBirney and Co.'s.

Sale of Household Linen now proceeding at the Belfast Linen Co., 21 Exchequer street.

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LAW REPORTS.

The MacDermot Roe's Estate.—In the Chancery Division yesterday, before Mr. Justice Dodd, a friendly suit was disposed of in which Mrs. Minnie Cairns, daughter of Ffrench MacDermot, commonly called The MacDermot Roe, late of Alderford, Ballyfarnon, County Roscommon, sought an order for the administration of the real and personal estate of her father, and to have a receiver appointed. Questions would arise on the will, which would have to be decided in court. The real estate is situated near Boyle, and was in the occupation of 170 tenants, and it was stated that adjoining lands had been illegally seized and were being ploughed up. The defendant, Mr. Henry F. Leachman, one of the trustees, agreed as to the necessity of having a receiver appointed. Mr. Justice Dodd made the usual order for administration, directed the customary inquiries, and appointed Mr. Wood Martin, of the firm of S. and G. Robinson, land agents, Sligo, as receiver. Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., and Mr. S. Hayes (instructed by Messrs. Hayes and Sons) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. T. Henry Maxwell, K.C. (instructed by Mr. Joseph Allen) for the defendant.

Taxation on the Rotunda.—In the King's Bench judgment was delivered in favour of the appellants in a revenue case in which the Surveyor of Taxes sought to assess the Governors of the Rotunda Hospital with income tax under Schedule D in respect of the Rotunda rooms, on the ground that the hospital authorities were carrying on a business in the rooms by letting them for entertainments, and that they were liable to income tax on the profits. The contention for the hospital was that all the profits were applied to the general support of the hospital, and that as the hospital was exempt from income tax, the rooms were not assessable either. Mr. Justice Gibson, Mr. Justice Madden, and Mr. Justice Kenny held that the rooms formed portion of the hospital, which was a charitable institution, and were not assessable for income tax. The Lord Chief Justice, in dissenting, said the rooms had been used by the Governors as a commercial enterprise, not connected with the purposes of the hospital and that they were assessable under Schedule D. He was compelled to the conclusion that there was nothing to prevent the Governors from running a theatre or any other form of entertainment themselves in these rooms, or leasing them out to others for the purpose; and seeing that the lettings account showed a surplus of £700 he had no doubt that a very substantial income could be made in that way. Mr. Fitzgibbon, K.C., and Mr. A. V. Matheson (instructed by Messrs. H. T. Dix and Sons), appeared for the hospital authorities; and Mr. Serjeant McSweeney, and Mr. G. W. Shannon (instructed by Mr. Richard Martin) were for the Commissioners of Inland Revenue.

£300 for Broken Legs and Arm.—Mr. Justice Moore received and made a rule of Court a consent by which Eliza Ann Dickson, of Londonderry, agreed to accept £300 in settlement of an action against the Alexander Motor Car Co., of the same city, for injuries caused by being run over by a car the property of the defendant company, both her legs and one of her arms being broken.

THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES.—Friday, March 1st, 1918.

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(To-day's Legal Advertisements will be found on Page 2.)

GRAND CANAL COMPANY.

A meeting of the Grand Canal Company was held yesterday afternoon at Grand Canal House, James's street Harbour, Dublin, the Right Hon. Laurence Waldron, Chairman, presiding. The following directors were present:—Lord Frederick FitzGerald, Messrs. Matthew J. Minch, Deputy Chairman; Frank Dillon, Wm. M. Murphy, J.P.; John McCann, and Harry S. Sankey.

The Chairman said—This meeting is purely formal, and is called to comply with our legal obligations, and to elect the directors and auditor for the current year. The Canal Company was taken over by the Board of Trade from 2nd July, 1917, and it was only so recently as the 9th of this month when we received instructions as to the manner in which to prepare our accounts to submit them to the Board of Trade, with a view of receiving the sum payable under the control. [illegible]

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SPORTING NEWS.

CROOM MEETING—YESTERDAY.

The snow and sleet of the early morning hours had cleared away long before racing commenced at Croom yesterday, and, except for a bitterly cold wind, the weather was quite favourable; while the going, all things considered, was better than could be expected. The fact that six of the nine runners for the Alston Steeplechase are likely runners for the Metropolitan Plate at Baldoyle, endowed the race with particular interest, and, if the form is to be taken as a guide, both Treaty Stone and Hotcap should hold Pay Only safe in the Baldoyle race. Treaty Stone led all the way, and won in very easy style from Hotcap and Pay Only, and the last-named meets the other pair on worse terms at Baldoyle, where the distance, however, is half a mile longer. Glencarbry beat seven others in the Tourreen Plate; Ashworth, carrying a penalty for the Limerick win, had little difficulty in following up this success in the February Plate; Dust Cap cantered away from three others in the Croom Plate; and Royal Prospect, once Falling Mills was out of the way, won the Tory Hill Plate in runaway style. Details:—

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SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

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OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

All engagements—New York. Imperatrix filly (two years), and Pique Dowe colt (two years).

LEOPARDSTOWN CLUB RACES,

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), MARCH 2nd, 1918.

FIRST RACE, 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Members' Train will leave Harcourt street Station at 1.15 p.m. direct for the Course, and return immediately racing is over. Combined Tickets, admitting to Course and Grand Stand, at 15/-, and Course and Public Stand at 4/-, are now on Sale at Messrs. Brindley's, Printers, Eustace street, Dublin. The Public are cautioned not to pay more than sixpence each for Race Cards, which will be sold at Eason's Bookstalls at Harcourt street and Bray Stations, and at the Course.

—(Advt.)

SEWELL'S SALE.

There was a brisk demand at Sewell's yesterday for horses suitable for farm work. Mr. Johnston of Belfast, sent up five, two of which realised 200 gns., and the other three 94, 78, and 78 gns., respectively. Mr. O'Brien got 100 gns. for one of his and Mr. Wilkinson 70 gns., while many others fetched from 34 to 40 gns. each. Fifteen hunters changed hands at prices ranging between 60 gns. and 40 gns.

[illegible] holders will be called, and we think it will be the most regular course to move the adjournment of this meeting to a date to be hereafter named. A week's full notice of each adjourned meeting will be given to the shareholders and the accounts forwarded to them. [illegible]

Mr. Minch seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCann, the auditors were re-elected, and the meeting was then adjourned, on the motion of the Chairman, to a date to be fixed hereafter.

WOMAN CLERKSHIPS, G.P.O.—Exam. Announced for 30th April next. Last exam. Oct., 1917. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green, Dublin—Misses McCoy, Irwin, Agnew, O'Riordan, Willoughby, Buckley, Gaynor, Smith, Devine, Kelly, McCarthy, O'Shaughnessy, and Brick. 13 of the 14 Successes advertised from Dublin Classes. By far the Best Irish Result. Special Oral and Correspondence Classes working.—(Advt.)

WINDSOR MEETING—YESTERDAY.

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HUNTING.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

Stormy weather, but nevertheless good sport, marked the hunting from the fixture at Loughcrew on Tuesday. [illegible] This finished a capital day.

HUNTING FIXTURES.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.—March—Tuesday 5th, Rathfredagh; Friday, 8th, Lee's Cross; 12 o'clock.

CARLOW HOUNDS.—March—Saturday, 2nd, Raheen Gate; Tuesday, 5th, Rathmore Park; Saturday, 9th, Garryhundon (to finish the season). Meet, 11 o'clock.

RUGBY.—Clongowes Wood College v. Mountjoy School.—[illegible]

COURSING.

NORTHERN CLUB (MASSEREENE PARK) MEETING—YESTERDAY.

Judge—Mr. Davin. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

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BILLIARDS.

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GOLF.—Kingstown Club.—To-morrow—Monthly medal (bogey).

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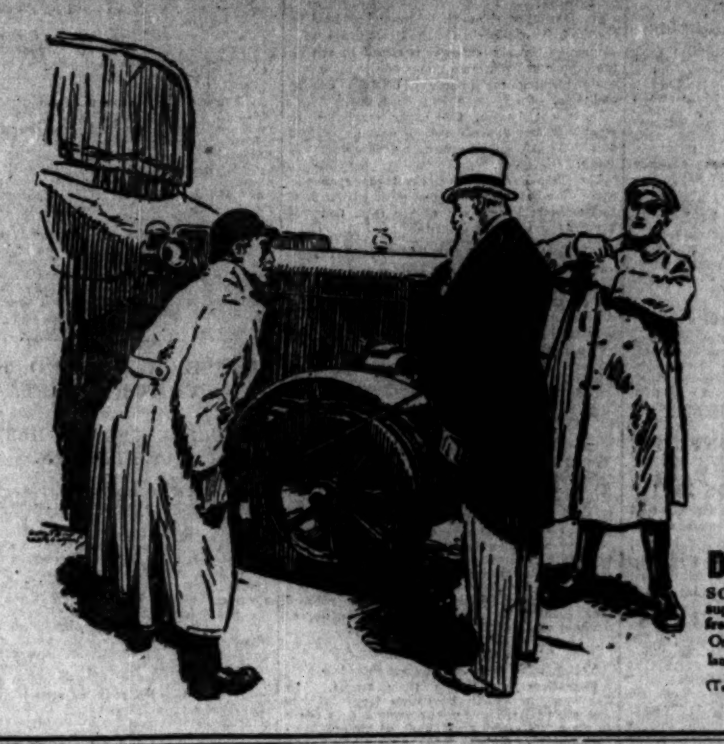

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Judge—Mr. Davin. Slipper—W. O'Donoghue.

MASSEREENE STAKES AND CUP—For 16 puppies (winners, £22; second, £10; two dogs, £4 each; two dogs, £2 each).

THIRD ROUND.—**Royal Regent** beat **Little Western II.** Mr. W. Bennett's r. d. **Royal Regent** (Forward Fee—Black Dame) divided with Mr. Hall's b. d. **Lady Charming** (Friendly Foe—Black Dame) divided.

BALLYMACSTAKES AND CHALLENGE CUP—For 32 all-ages. Winner, £40 and Cup; second, £10; two dogs £5 each; three dogs, £3 each.

THIRD ROUND.—**Herbertina** beat **General Peace II.**; **Lady Charming** beat **Mighty Conflict.**

DECIDING COURSE—Mr. W. Bennett's r. f. b. **Lady Charming** (Friendly Foe—Black Dame) beat Mr. J. Hall's bl. d. **Herbertina** (Doublegrange—Needless).

GRUGGLIN STAKES—For 32 puppies (maidens). Winner, £22; second, £10; two dogs, £4 each; four dogs, £2 each.

THIRD ROUND.—**Sunset XII.** beat **Marmot III.**; **Blackmoss II.** beat **Crimson Arrow**; **Dawn of Freedom** beat **Glaring Comet**; **Shine On** beat **Templetownboy.**

FOURTH ROUND.—**Sunset XII.** beat **Blackmoss II.**; **Dawn of Freedom** beat **Shine On.**

DECIDING COURSE—Mr. Marley m. bd. d. **Dawn of Freedom** (Sandy Hook—Queen) beat Mr. Simpson's f. d. **Sunset XII.** (Maiden Mint—Glazer).

ANTRIM STAKES—For 32 all-ages. Winner, £22; second, £10; two dogs, £4 each; four dogs, £2 each.

SECOND ROUND.—**Dyrons St.** filled beat **Safe Britannia**; **Lady Fussy** beat **Mackerel**; **Lass Fruit Salad** beat **Stonerose**; **Well Done IV.** beat **Cromdale**; **Sandy Hook** beat **The Gardener**; **Catch Him Magnet** beat **High Cash**; **Lisnisk Belle**; **Flag of Silk** beat **Knockieland Boy.**

THIRD ROUND.—**Dyrons St.** filled beat **Lady Fussy**; **Well Done IV.** beat **Proud Rebel**; **Catch Him Magnet** beat **Lisnisk Belle**; **Flag of Silk** beat **Knockieland Boy.**

FOURTH ROUND.—**Well Done IV.** beat **Dyrons St. filled**; **Flag of Silk** beat **Catch.**

DECIDING COURSE.—Lieut. R. J. Fraser's bl. d. **Flag of Silk** (Strange Visitor—Lucky Flag) beat Mr. M'Cracken's f. d. **Well Done IV.** (Doctor—Submarine).

There was a light fall of snow in the Antrim district on Wednesday night. All traces of it had, however, disappeared when the coursing meeting opened at Massereene Park yesterday morning, but a piercingly cold wind blew from the north-east, and made things rather unpleasant for the small company present. The ground was much better than on the opening day, and the concluding stages were full of interest. The Northern Coursing Royal Regent and Mr. Bennett, driving in the name of Mr. W. Bennett, divided the Massereene Stakes, and the Ballymac Stakes fell to Mr. Hall's Lady Charming, who on an inside bid and cleverly contested Herbertina in the decider from the Cork greyhound was a couple of lengths the fleeter.

Herbertina had previously vanquished the famous English dog, General Peace II., who is by the same sire as Mr. Bennett's dog, and is a very speedy performer, but nothing of the same class. Sunset XII. was a popular winner of the Antrim Stakes.

BILLIARDS.

BELFAST AND DISTRICT BILLIARD LEAGUE.

Results of matches played on Wednesday evening:—Ulster Club (Belfast) v. Ulster Club (Lisburn), 4,304; Ulster Club (Belfast) beat Ulster Club (Lisburn), 4,304—Lisburn Club v. Ulster Club (Belfast), 4,304; Ulster Club (Belfast) beat Lisburn Club, 4,304.

There was a good attendance at the Ulster Club (Belfast) on Wednesday evening when the above matches were played. The Belfast team was strong throughout, and the Lisburn players were unable to cope with their opponents. The Belfast Club now leads the League with 8 points, and will probably be the winners. The Lisburn Club has not yet played a match, and will have to do so before the League is finished.

GOLF.

ENNISKILLEN CLUB.—Results of competitions played on Saturday:—Monthly Medal—Mr. Hamilton Irvine, 85—1; Mr. Hugh Irvine, 87—2. Handicap—Mr. Hamilton Irvine, 85—1; Mr. Hugh Irvine, 87—2. Foursomes—Mr. Hamilton Irvine and Mr. Hugh Irvine, 85—1; Mr. Hugh Irvine and Mr. Hamilton Irvine, 87—2.

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